Frequently Asked Questions

How much does it cost to rent the Discovery Center? – See attached rental pricing information

Do I get the entire center with the flat rate price? – Yes

Can I just rent a room during open hours? – Yes, See attached rental pricing information sheet

How long can I stay? – Midnight. Carlsbad has a noise ordinance of 10pm (if you have an outside band, you would want to end then). It is also recommended that you call the Carlsbad Police non-emergency line ahead of time to let them know: 760-931-2197.

Can I bring in Alcohol? – Your membership covers your private event where you are serving alcohol.

Can I bring in Catering? - Yes

What is the lighting like outdoors? – There is lights that automatically turn on the surrounding building at dusk. We have additional lighting (market lights) which we can hang across the patio for a cost of \$150.

Do you have heating and air conditioning? – Inside, yes. We do not have outdoor heat lamps.

Can I bring outside rental items in? – Yes. We recommend Ara's Party Rentals (in San Marcos). You receive 15% off if you are a member of the Agua Hedionda Lagoon Foundation.

Can I bring in decorations and put up items? – Yes. You will be charged the \$100 security deposit fee if the decorations do not come down at the end of the night, or if any items destroy the paint on the walls.

Are the animals covered up or moved in the main room? – All the bird items are moved into the back offices. The reptile corner is not. We do not have covers. You are welcome to drape over them though.

Do you have linens? - We have 6 large cream linens that cost \$15.50 each.

How many tables and chairs do you have? - 15 6ft rectangular tables, 1 6ft rectangular telescoping table, 3 4 ft rectangular tables (all included at no cost). 4 circular belly up bars which cost \$5 each.

What should I bring? - your own kitchen items (we do not have any serving trays, wine openers, utensils or accessories), your own lighter (to light candles), no Styrofoam (we are a no Styrofoam zone).

How do I reserve? - Join as a Discovery Member (no deposit needed and we will reserve the day. (memberships non refundable). Full payment required within two weeks of the rental. If cancelled within two weeks, payment is non-refundable.

kental pricing Information

Entire DC Building Members Pricing:

Discovery Center Membership: \$150

Benefits:

2 Year Membership to the AHLF

Discovery Center's quarterly Watermark Newsletter

Waived rental deposit fee

3hr minimum rental waived

15% OFF at Ara's Party Rentals

25% OFF your next rental at the DC

50% OFF additional rental items for your next rental at the DC

No ABC License or Insurance required for rental

Entire DC Building Rentals during open hours: \$150/hr., max 10 hours (Mon-Sat 7-4 and Sun 12-4)

Rentals after hours (after 4pm): \$500 flat rate

Required for flat rate - Replenish our supplies with 2 rolls of toilet paper, 1 roll of paper

towels, and citronella oil

Equipment, supplies, or persons are not permitted before 4pm.

Additional Items available to rent:

Market Lights (we string across patio): \$150

AHLF Cleaning Team: \$200

Belly Up Bars (4 available): \$5 each

AHLF Sets-Up Tables & Chairs: \$50

Cream Linens (6 available): \$15.50 each

Rental of Coffee Machine: \$100 flat rate (you provide the cups)

Entire DC Building Potential Member Pricing:

\$200 per hour

Required ABC License & Insurance

Additional Rental Items Available at same price above

Single Room Rentals during open hours (memberships not required):

Rotunda Room

\$750 flat rate, max 10 hours

\$125/hr.

Great Room

\$75 flat rate, for 2 hours

\$45/hr. Each additional hour