



Vulcan[®] Park and Museum

FACILITY USAGE HANDBOOK

2011

Vulcan Park and Museum Policies and Procedures

We are delighted that you are considering Vulcan Park and Museum for your special event. We hope that the information we have provided below will be useful. Please contact us if you have any questions.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- Vulcan Park and Museum provides only the space for special events. Vulcan Park and Museum recommends the use of a professional wedding or event coordinator for arrangements and direction of your event. The staff of Vulcan Park and Museum is present to ensure your event is a success, but cannot coordinate or direct events.
- All fundraising events must be approved by Vulcan Park and Museum and are subject to additional event rules. Please see Events Coordinator for details. In addition, events where the primary purpose is of a political nature must also be approved by Vulcan Park and Museum. If allowed, all promotional material, flyers, etc. must be kept within the designated event location and may not be distributed to Vulcan visitors on public park grounds.
- Vulcan Park and Museum is a non-profit entity and therefore cannot donate to other charitable organizations. All organizations and groups must conform to the "Schedule of Fees" for facility usage.
- City, state and federal codes, including safety/fire regulations, will be strictly enforced by the staff of Vulcan Park and Museum and must be adhered to by the Client.
- There is no smoking allowed at any time on the grounds or in the facilities of Vulcan Park and Museum.
- Children under the age of 16 should be supervised at all times on the property of Vulcan Park and Museum.
- As agent of the City of Birmingham, Vulcan Park and Museum is the owner of all intellectual property pertaining to the Vulcan Statue likeness. Vulcan Park and Museum takes great pride in the newly reconstructed Vulcan Park and Museum and Vulcan Statue and its preservation as an important icon of the city of Birmingham. The use of, or any reference to, the Vulcan Park and Museum name, logo or image to promote, advertise, or sell tickets to an event is prohibited unless the event is sponsored by Vulcan Park and Museum.
- Vulcan Park and Museum reserves the right to refuse usage to any individual, organization or event. The usage of Vulcan Park and Museum will not be denied based on reasons of race, sex, national origin or other illegal basis.

HOURS OF OPERATION

- Vulcan Park and Museum is open Monday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Vulcan Center is open Monday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. Vulcan Park and Museum is available for use before, during and after normal operating hours. After-hours usage fees apply to all events that take place either entirely or partially when the facility is closed to the public.
- All events are to end by 11 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and by midnight on Fridays and Saturdays. Everyone, including caterers, musicians, and guests, must be out of the park no later than one hour after the end time specified on the agreement. Should the event go beyond the scheduled time, the Client will be required to pay a late departure fee of \$250 per hour. No portion of an hour will be prorated.
- Vulcan Park and Museum will be closed on Christmas Eve and Day. Vulcan Park and Museum reserves the right to decline events on holidays and holiday weekends at its own discretion.

RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENT

- A Usage Reservation is considered confirmed and binding on the Client after the Events Coordinator receives both the signed Facility Usage Agreement and a non-refundable deposit of one-half (50%) of the total usage fee.
- For all General Events, the balance is due thirty (30) days prior to the event date and non-refundable. For all Wedding Events, the balance is due ninety (90) days prior to the event date and is non-refundable. If full payment is not received as specified, the event may be considered cancelled.
- Payments to Vulcan Park and Museum may be made in the form of a money order, cashiers' or company check, or by credit card (American Express, Visa, Discover and MasterCard are accepted.) **All deposits and final payments made for Wedding Events are non-refundable.**
- In addition to the Base Usage Fee, Vulcan Park and Museum is to be reimbursed for any other expenses or taxes incurred, including but not limited to, equipment rentals, security and valet parking.
- If beyond normal and reasonable cleaning is required following the event, a special cleaning fee may be charged. Fee will be determined by the Events Coordinator.
- Nonprofit organizations that provide proof of IRS determination will receive a discount on Vulcan Center's Base Usage Fee ONLY. This discount will not be applicable for events held during seasonal months, holidays, Friday evenings and weekend days.
- Vulcan Park and Museum reserves the right to require a damage deposit for any special event. Should a damage deposit be required, a full refund will be issued within thirty (30) days of the event unless needed for repairs and/or replacements. The Client is responsible for any repair or replacement costs involving the equipment or property of Vulcan Park and Museum above and beyond the cost of the damage deposit.

GENERAL EVENT CANCELLATIONS

- Should an event be cancelled six (6) months or more prior to the event date, your deposit will be forfeited, or may be applied to a rescheduled event within six (6) months of the original date of the event or contract.
- Should an event be cancelled between six (6) months and ninety (90) days prior to the event, the deposit will be forfeited.

- Should an event be cancelled less than ninety (90) days prior to the event, the deposit as well as any monies paid, will be forfeited. In addition any remaining balance will be due to Vulcan Park and Museum.
- All cancellations must be submitted in writing, communicated by e-mail, fax, or regular mail.
- Events booked within ninety (90) days of event date are not eligible for any refund and any balance remaining is due to Vulcan Park and Museum.

WEDDING EVENT CANCELLATIONS

- Wedding ceremonies and/or receptions cancelled over one (1) year from the event date will forfeit half of the deposit paid.
- Wedding ceremonies and/or receptions cancelled within one (1) year from the event date will forfeit all monies paid and will be responsible for payment of any unpaid facility fee balance.

SECURITY

- The service of one off-duty Birmingham police officer will be required at the Client's expense for all evening events and events where alcohol is served. Security will arrive 30 minutes prior to your event and will remain 30 minutes after your event.
- For groups larger than 200 and/or children's events, a minimum of 1 additional security personnel is required at the expense of the Client. Security costs will be incorporated into the total costs of the event. Refer to the "Schedule of Fees" for security costs.
- The grounds and facilities of Vulcan Park and Museum are open to the public for its use and enjoyment. Vulcan Park and Museum cannot ensure the safety of any property left unattended on park grounds. Vulcan Park and Museum may not be held liable for any injury or loss of property due to theft, accident and fire, or through any other act or circumstance prior to, during or after an event.

CATERING

- All catering, beverage and alcoholic beverage service must be provided by a Vulcan Park and Museum approved caterer. With the exception of celebratory cakes, no food or beverage may be brought into the park by the Client or any of the Client's guests utilizing the space.
- All beverages sold and/or served on the premises of Vulcan Park and Museum (except for fresh brewed coffee, fresh brewed tea and fresh squeezed juices) must be a product of Birmingham Coca-Cola Bottling Company. "Beverages" shall be defined as: All carbonated and non-carbonated, non-alcoholic beverages including drinks, sports drinks, water, ready to drink teas, juices, and frozen beverages in any package or container in which such products are sold and served.
- All alcoholic beverages must be supplied and served by a Vulcan Park and Museum approved caterer. **All responsibility and liability for serving alcohol is incurred by the Client.** All state and federal laws concerning the serving and consumption of alcohol will be strictly enforced. No one under the age of 21 will be served alcohol under any circumstance.
- Caterers are required to follow-up with all Vulcan Park and Museum customers within 3 business days of the customer's inquiry.
- To encourage responsible drinking, all bar service is required to end thirty (30) minutes prior to the end time specified on the contract.

DECORATIONS

- All decorations must be approved by the Events Coordinator. Decorations may not be affixed to any surface of Vulcan Park and Museum, its grounds or facilities, with nails, staples, tacks, tape or other fasteners that may cause damage.
- Decorations may be brought in by the Client's floral designer of choice, who must abide by Vulcan Park and Museum's policies and procedures.
- A tent may be reserved only through Aztec Events & Tents or Special Occasions. A 40'x40' tent fits the City Overlook and a 20'x20' tent fits the Event Room Patio. The Map Area can not be tented. *Contact: Aztec Tents & Events at 205.426.9882 or Special Occasions at 205.871.4068.*
- Because of clean-up issues, decorating with, and throwing of rice, birdseed, glitter, confetti, red rose petals, etc., is not allowed.
- Any use of candles, lanterns or torches must be approved by the Events Coordinator. Candles approved must be enclosed in glass. No open flame candles, sparklers or fireworks are allowed on park grounds due to Fire Marshall Regulations.
- Arrangements may be made with the Events Coordinator to display banners or signs.

WALK THROUGH, DELIVERIES, AND SETUP

- A walk-through with all involved parties is highly recommended at least two (2) weeks before the event. Any proposed changes to setup, location or times for the event must be communicated to the Events Coordinator no less than forty-eight (48) hours prior to the time of the event.
- All arrangements for deliveries, set-up and breakdown must be communicated in advance with the Events Coordinator. All deliveries must be made through the side entrance of Vulcan Center only.
- Set-up and dismantling of decorations, etc., is not to disrupt public use of Vulcan Park. **Set-up in public areas of Vulcan Park and Museum will be allowed after 3 p.m. the day of the event unless previously arranged with the Events Coordinator.**
- Set-up for an event should not be planned the night before an event unless previously arranged with the Events Coordinator.
- Tents, decorations or other equipment must be installed and removed the day of the activity or no later than 10 a.m. the next day. After this time, a charge of \$250.00 will be assessed to the Client until the tent and/or other equipment is removed. Vulcan Park and Museum will not be responsible for any decorations, signs or other items left after an event.
- All Clients and vendors must check in with the Events Coordinator or a Vulcan Park and Museum staff member prior to set-up for an event.
- Client must provide the Events Coordinator with all vendor names and telephone numbers forty-eight (48) hours prior to the event date before the vendor arrives to Vulcan Park and Museum. This is necessary to protect all Clients, as well as Vulcan Park and Museum's property.

REHEARSALS (WEDDING CEREMONIES)

- A rehearsal may be scheduled at no additional cost the day before or prior to the wedding or event date during normal operating hours of Vulcan Center IF TIME AND SPACE ARE AVAILABLE. Rehearsal time activities will not include any food service or table and chair set-up. The Client may make a Usage Reservation for rehearsal time if desired in the same manner as the wedding or event. Refer to the "Schedule of Fees" for costs.

CLEAN-UP

- The Client is responsible for the removal of decorations, “drop off” food and “drop off” drink trash at the close of the event.

MUSIC AND ENTERTAINMENT

- The client must obtain a noise permit (15) fifteen days prior to event from the Department of Traffic Engineering in order to operate any device that produces or reproduces amplified sound outside of Vulcan Center.
- Exceptionally loud music is not permitted. It is the responsibility of the Client to maintain a noise level respectful of other Vulcan Park visitors and its surrounding neighbors. At its discretion, Vulcan Park and Museum reserves the right to alter the sound level of music.
- Bands, DJ’s and other entertainment required for your event are the sole responsibility of the Client. Vulcan Park and Museum will not be responsible for providing equipment or any setup of equipment for bands or DJ’s, such as lights, microphones, electrical tape, and stages.

AUDIOVISUAL EQUIPMENT

- A selection of audiovisual equipment including a 100” screen, LCD projector, DVD/VCR/CD player, one wireless lavalier mic and one wireless handheld mic, is available and may be reserved through the Events Coordinator.
- In order to ensure the best possible a/v experience, it is strongly encouraged to schedule an appointment to test your a/v compatibility before the day of your event. Vulcan Park and Museum does not have a professional audio visual technician staff on site, but the events coordinator will be present to assist you with you’re A/V needs.

PARKING/VALET

- Vulcan Park and Museum’s parking lot consists of 186 parking spaces. Parking spaces may not be reserved at any time without the use of valet parking. **Valet parking is strongly recommended with 100 or more guests in attendance.**
- Arrangements for valet parking can be made through the Events Coordinator. Refer to “Schedule of Fees” for valet costs.
- Vulcan Park and Museum assumes no responsibility for guests’ automobiles or personal property.
- Parking is not allowed in Vulcan Center’s drop off area violators’ vehicles are subject to towing. Vehicles must park in the main parking lot of Vulcan Park and Museum. Delivery vehicles for caterers, florist, entertainers, etc., may park in this area only while loading and/or unloading deliveries.

EVENT INFORMATION

- Any invitation or promotional material for non-Vulcan Park and Museum sponsored events may not use the name, image of Vulcan, logo of Vulcan Park and Museum, or have any reference to the aforementioned, except as the designated location of the event. Vulcan Park and Museum reserves the right to view any invitation or promotional material before its release. Media coverage of an event must be approved by Vulcan Park and Museum in advance.

- The designated event location should be listed as Vulcan Park and Museum.
- Vulcan Park and Museum is not responsible for providing event information or directions to your attendees. The telephone number for your organization should be included on all of your event literature and promotional materials.

CONDUCT

- There will be no illegal drugs of any kind allowed on Vulcan Park and Museum property. No alcoholic beverages may be brought onto the property unless arranged through a Vulcan Park and Museum approved caterer.
- Firearms, knives or weapons of any kind are not allowed on Vulcan Park and Museum property at any time.