Now is your chance to inspire Idaho’s future innovators!

A Discovery Center for Everyone
The “new” Discovery Center of Idaho will better serve our children and community with greater accessibility, flexible space and more inspiration in STEM.

As the only hands-on science center in the State of Idaho, the Discovery Center of Idaho has been sharing participatory science experiences with Idaho residents and visitors since 1988 from our well-loved facility in Julia Davis Park.

Boise’s explosive growth, coupled with increased demand for STEM education, is outpacing the Center’s capacity to meet community needs. We are raising $6M to fund full interior and exterior renovations, ensuring the Center remains our region’s premier informal STEM education institution.

The “new” Discovery Center will serve 115,000 annually, up from about 85,000 today. This includes doubling the number of K-12 students who will be able to attend subsidized STEM Field Trips.

With your help, we can reach more visitors and better secure our position in Boise as a lasting beacon of curiosity for future generations.
Expanded Young Learners Space

Expanding our Young Learners area addresses a need for families with children under age 4 to have fun with STEM. Through intentionally designed play opportunities, young children can build knowledge and awareness of STEM concepts that can make later classroom learning more effective. The more families engage with STEM together through play, the more ingrained STEM becomes in their everyday lives.

Greater Visibility and Accessibility

Wide open galleries with clear sight lines provide added safety to field trip experiences for students, and offer educators more opportunities to lead interactive hands-on experiences that can make what students are learning in their classrooms become real and relevant. From the youngest of visitors through high school, the Discovery Center supports a pathway for students of all backgrounds to pursue STEM in college, career and life.

Fabrication Workshop and Classroom Spaces

With a new learning and production lab, offering access to state of the art equipment along with safe spaces for creative problem solving, we look forward to expanding our impact on teen audiences, providing them with tools they can use to apply critical thinking, leadership, and technical STEM skills into real-world settings.

Inspiring Future Innovators

These updated spaces will keep us adaptable to global trends in education and reach new audiences by way of school age competitions in STEM design and creativity, new internship opportunities, and a world-class library of accessible online and virtual learning resources for enrichment across the State of Idaho and beyond.

This new vision cannot come to be without major changes to our current space. Our vision is about people, and generous people like you are essential to making this vision a reality.
TIMELINE

2023
Budget Refinements
Timeline Refinements
Fundraising

2024
Planning & Permitting
Design
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Fundraising

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Construction Drawings
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2026
Construction
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Landscaping

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