



Schedule 1

California Academy of Sciences Food Service Guidelines

The mission of the California Academy of Sciences is to explore, explain and protect the natural world. In fulfilling our mission, we prefer to work with caterers who source their food and manage their operations with an eye towards sustainability. There are incredible ways, especially in the Bay Area, to provide fresh, healthy, delicious catering with minimal environmental cost. Our requirements (and extra suggestions) are provided here for caterers to determine if their services fit that ideal. The Academy reserves the right to discontinue business with any caterer that is not making every effort to follow these guidelines.

Requirements:

- Styrene or plastic should be avoided at all costs.
 - Washable dishware, cups and utensils are preferred.
 - If disposable is the only option, paper, sugar cane, cornstarch or other compostable options are available.
- If paper napkins and tablecloths are used, they should contain a high recycled content.
 - Washable napkins and linen tablecloths are preferred.
- Reusable trays, rather than disposables ones, should be used.
- Plastic bottled water should not be served.
 - Hot and cold filtered water is available on every Academy floor.
- Food should be provided in a manner that minimizes packaging waste.
- Paper, bottles and cans must be recycled, either via public bins or by catering staff.
- Only seafood choices from Seafood Watch's "best choices" or "good alternatives" sections should be served.
 - http://www.mbayaq.org/cr/SeafoodWatch/web/sfw_regional.aspx/
- Caterers must make an arrangement with Food Runners or a similar organization to take excess, edible food to the needy.

Extra suggestions:

- Source local food whenever possible.
- Focus on providing organic produce and hormone free dairy and meat.
- Organic and fair trade wines are encouraged.
 - Organic options include "100% organic," "organic" and "made from organic grapes."
- Vegetarian and vegan options should be available.

By signing below, we confirm that we abide by the green standards described above.

Name of Caterer: _____

By: _____

(print name)

Date Signed: _____

