



**FORT WORTH MUSEUM**  
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**Fort Worth Museum of Science and History's  
“Stars Café” Provides Quality Service and Delicious Fare**

FORT WORTH, TEXAS – Guests will enjoy a new family-friendly food court eatery – “Stars Café” – when the newly constructed Fort Worth Museum of Science and History opens to the public Friday Nov. 20, 2009. The Café will provide a variety of cuisines with the following five food stations, offering something for everyone.

- Deli station with hand-crafted sandwiches made on Artesian breads;
- Specialty station offering North Texas regional favorites, Tex-Mex and barbecue;
- Italian station with pizza and pasta selections;
- Grill station with gourmet hamburgers and quesadillas; and
- Express station with pre-made items ideal for grab and go.

Café services for the Museum are provided by Sodexo Leisure Services, a leading provider of dining options for cultural destinations.

Museum Executive Vice President, Innovation Colleen Blair, said this café will open doors after a three-year thought process to provide the best in dining opportunities to guests. “There was no food service capacity for guests in the old Museum,” Blair said. “If guests choose us for their learning and leisure activities we want them to enjoy the highest quality in food service.”

Blair said in the Museum’s search for a food service provider, Sodexo was chosen because of the organization’s ability to meet the need and values of the institution. Sodexo provides culinary services to numerous cultural institutions including the Dallas Museum of Art and Houston Zoo.

Stars Café offers 164 indoor seating spaces with additional seating for 50 available on the terrace facing the Western Heritage Plaza. Hours for the café are the same as the Museum hours, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Dining is easily accessible to guests as they walk through a straight-line café, using display monitors to make their food selections. Food prices at the café are comparable to local cultural institutions.

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In recognition of the couple’s generous contribution to the Museum’s capital campaign to construct the new building, brushed aluminum lettering in the main dining room will designate the space as the “Steve and Betsy Palko Café.”

Stars Café features “Kid Zone” menu items in each station, offering healthy selections for children. “Sodexo’s mission is to provide fresh, nutritious meals while working within the ethnic, cultural, and nutritional needs of our clients,” Connie Chambers, district manager for Sodexo said. “This is one reason Tex-Mex and barbecue are on the menu – the cuisine ties nicely to the historical elements within the Museum.”

In addition to offering healthy lunches and afternoon snacks, Sodexo demonstrates green business practices by minimizing the use of paper products and using post-consumer cardboard and recycled napkins.

### **About The Museum**

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., every day except Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, and Christmas Days. For more information about the Museum visit [www.fortworthmuseum.org](http://www.fortworthmuseum.org) or call 817-255-9300.

In 1939, the Fort Worth Council of Administrative Women in Education presented a successful proposal to the City Council for the creation of a children's museum in Fort Worth. Chartered with the State of Texas in 1941 as the “Fort Worth Children’s Museum,” the new \$80 million FWMSH campus marks the culmination of an extensive multi-year fund-raising campaign following a comprehensive planning effort. Dedicated to life-long learning and anchored by its rich collections, the Museum engages school children and adult visitors through creative, vibrant programs and exhibits interpreting science and the history of Texas and the Southwest. For more than six decades, the FWMSH has provided learning opportunities for tens of thousands of area children annually among its million visitors each year, making it one of the most popular cultural attractions in North Texas.

The new Museum building, created by internationally acclaimed architects Legorreta + Legorreta with Gideon Toal, is located in the heart of Fort Worth’s Cultural District. The world-class, 166,000 square-foot facility features a collection of new, interactive exhibits and programs developed by the Museum’s staff and a team of nationally recognized designers in support of the Museum’s dedication to informal, discovery-based learning for all.

The new Museum’s environment of learning comprises state-of-the-art interactive exhibitions and components including: Energy Blast; the Fort Worth Children’s Museum; the Cattle Raisers Museum; the Noble Planetarium; Omni IMAX® Theater; DinoLabs/DinoDig® – featuring the State Dinosaur of Texas, *Paluxysaurus jonesi*; Innovation Studios/Innovation Gallery; and the 60-year-old Museum School.