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William N. Pennington Foundation Supports Access to The Discovery's Field Trip Program

*\$50,000 grant provides museum field trips
for low-income Washoe County School District schools*

Reno, Nev. (January 25, 2018) – The William N. Pennington Foundation recently granted the Terry Lee Wells Nevada Discovery Museum (The Discovery) \$50,000 to increase access to the museum's standards aligned field trip program. The grant creates an opportunity for schools with 50 percent or higher Free and Reduced Lunch program (FRL) enrollment to visit the museum on a field trip.

The Discovery's field trip program focuses on increasing science literacy for pre-K through 8th grade students. In addition to exploring the entire museum, field trip participants take part in hands-on Discovery Lab activities tied to Next Generation Science and Common Core standards designed to foster inquiry and engagement with science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM) concepts.

The Pennington Foundation's generosity is aptly timed, as The Discovery recently announced the extension of its featured exhibition, [A T. rex Named Sue](#), through Sunday, May 13, 2018.

The generous grant follows the recent designation of The Discovery's field trip program as a "Recommended STEM Program" by Governor Brian Sandoval's Nevada STEM Advisory Council. The designation was given to 16 evidence-based, high-quality STEM programs in the state of Nevada. The Discovery's field trip program and Desert Research Institute's Science Alive program were the only two from Northern Nevada recognized.

Washoe County School District schools with 50 percent or higher FRL enrollment can take advantage of this opportunity to visit The Discovery on a field trip by making an [online reservation](#). Eligible schools will be asked to complete a brief application and pay a \$25 application fee to access these funds. Bus transportation to and from the museum is included. Grant funds will be expended on a first come, first served basis.

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About The Discovery

The Discovery creates interest and engagement in science for all. Through unique, hands-on programs and exhibits, The Discovery creates learning experiences that range from simple curiosity to deep understanding, empowering a community of critical thinkers. The Discovery is a locally founded nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. To learn more about The Discovery and how you can help support the museum's mission, visit [nvdm.org](#).

About the William N. Pennington Foundation

The Pennington Foundation was formed by the late William N. Pennington, a gaming industry pioneer and philanthropist, and provides grants to Northern Nevada based organizations in the areas of education, community services, health care, and medical research.