Theater Rentals at The Gem

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Individuals & Families

Can I rent a theater?	Yes, we've leveled the floor and added a digital projector to theater 4, which makes it ideal for parties.
How many people can I bring?	We have 20 chairs in that theater.
How much?	Our base price for rentals is $150 for a 2.5 hour rental.
When can I book?	It's cheapest if you're able to do your rental within our regular operating hours, Friday through Monday, 1-9pm.
How do I reserve it?	Email info@thegemtheater.com with your group size and preferred date and time. If we can accommodate, we'll send you an invoice. Once it's paid, your reservation is confirmed.
What if I need to change the time once I've booked?	If you change your reservation more than a week ahead, no problem. We set the theater schedule on Mondays, so if you want to change after that, we can switch your reservation to a different weekend for $100.
What can I watch?	We can access most streaming services. If we don't pay for one, you can log in on our computer. We also have a blu-ray player if you'd prefer to bring your own disc.
Can we bring food?	Let's talk about it. Concessions are what keep the theater going, so if we sell something (pizza, soda, candy), we'd ask that you purchase those things from us. If you'd like to bring a birthday cake or something special, we totally get that and want to make sure your party is great.
Can I bring alcohol?	Absolutely NOT, we'll lose our liquor license. But, we do have a full bar: beer, wine, liquor and are happy to make you a margarita for that kids movie you've seen 114 times.
What about setup?	We have two 6' folding tables and can provide power. Let us know if you'd like to arrive early to set up.

Schools & Camps

Do you host school field trips and summer camp groups?	Yes, BUT we need to talk through the details in person. Email us at info@thegemtheater.com with your group size and desired date and time and we can work up a package for you.

Organizations & Community Groups

Can we host a public screening or fundraiser?	Yes, but we can't just turn on Netflix and charge people to be there. The moment we advertise a film, we need to license it, which means 35-65% of the box office will be sent to the film distributor.
How much does it cost to host a public event?	As a general rule, we charge $150 for the space rental and $350 to cover our admin time and expenses if we are handling ticketing, advertising and communication.
Do I need to advertise my event?	Only if you want people to come. We will add your event to all of our regular advertising channels, but nothing beats word of mouth advertising. If you don't have a built-in community of 50 or more that you can count on to show up for your film, it might be better to do a private rental and show the film for your friends.
Can we book a music or art event?	Sure, but you should talk to Kate Webb first at Bethel Area Arts and Music. BAAM books all of our live music and performances. To book, visit bethelareaartsandmusic.com/baambookinginfo.
Do you have meeting space?	Yes, our conference room is primarily reserved for tenants, but we do host meetings in our lobby and theaters. Feel free to reach out for dates and availability, but renting a space for a meeting will be priced very similar to renting a theater.
Who do I contact?	info@thegemtheater.com. Include your date, time, group size, and what you'd like to watch or do. Please make the first line of your email: "I've read your FAQs and would like to ____."