

1995 AIA High School Design Competition Program

Program

You are to design a Tourist Information Pavilion in San Francisco. The Facility will provide varying levels of information services to personal advice from staff members. While intended for visitors, the pavilion will provide information about scheduled events, which may attract residents and workers alike. Although the hours of operation will be 8:00 AM to 7:00 PM, a multipurpose room and related facilities will be available for rental after hours.

Site

The site of the proposed project presents many challenges, as it is one of the few undeveloped open spaces adjacent to the City's financial district. It marks the spot where downtown meets the waterfront and fronts the Embarcadero diagonally opposite from the Ferry Building. This piece of land has been made more attractive by the demolition of an elevated freeway. There are expansive views of the Bay and the Bay Bridge. The site is ideal for the pavilion because of its proximity to MUNI, BART, Golden Gate Ferries and Transit.

The area allotted for the pavilion is much smaller than the amount of available land. There is flexibility in the location of the facility within the site. The owner of the land has asked that you limit the "footprint" of your building to a 75' X 75' square, which includes outdoor spaces. The remaining portion of the site will be developed as a park. Your building design should take cues from views, natural light and pedestrian access. You should also balance the need for visibility with the desire for serenity in the outdoor seating area.

The Tourist Information Pavilion

The building shall be a single story structure not exceeding 2,800 square feet, excluding outdoor areas. Although the building has minimal service and delivery requirements, provisions should be made for a connection to the street by a paved route for a small, motorized cart to pick up small deliveries.

Building Area

Lobby	100 sq. ft.
Events Board Area	80 sq. ft.
Information Counter	150 sq. ft.
Staff Work Room	180 sq. ft.
Storage Room	100 sq. ft.
Self Help Computer Terminals	150 sq. ft.
Map Room	250 sq. ft.
Meeting Room/Events Area	900 sq. ft.
Kitchen/Snack Area	120 sq. ft.
Dining Area	200 sq. ft.
Rest Rooms	170 sq. ft.
Janitors Closet	50 sq. ft.
Circulation	350 sq. ft.
TOTAL BUILDING AREA	2,800 sq. ft.

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Outdoor Areas

Staff Patio	100 sq. ft.
Public Courtyard/Garden	1200 sq. ft.
Planted Areas	550 sq. ft.
Service Areas	150 sq. ft.
TOTAL OUTDOOR AREA	2,000 sq. ft.
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