

MUSEUM CAMPUS

ADLER PLANETARIUM

The Adler became the first planetarium in the Western Hemisphere and helped introduce millions of people to astronomy. The Adler's collection includes nearly 3,000 historic scientific instruments and more than 3,000 rare books. Among its treasures is one of the world's oldest telescopes!



FIELD MUSEUM

It was originally created to house artifacts and exhibits from the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition.



The museum is also home to one of the most famous dinosaur fossils in the world!

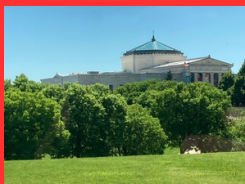


SHEDD AQUARIUM

This was the first inland aquarium in the world with a permanent saltwater collection. Workers transported about one million gallons of seawater from Florida to Chicago by railroad tank cars.



The aquarium cares for approximately 1,500 species from around the world!



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THE JOURNEY OF THE FLAG



FLAG STRIPES

1

TOP BLUE STRIPE

Top blue stripe represents Lake Michigan and the north branch of the Chicago River.



2

BOTTOM BLUE STRIPE

The bottom blue stripe represents the south branch of the Chicago River and the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal (historically called the "Great Canal").

3

TOP WHITE STRIPE

The top white stripe represents the north side of the city.

4

MIDDLE WHITE STRIPE

The middle white stripe represents the west side of Chicago. It is intentionally wider than the top and bottom white stripes. When the flag was designed in 1917 by Wallace Rice, the west side was the city's largest and most populous section.

5

BOTTOM WHITE STRIPE

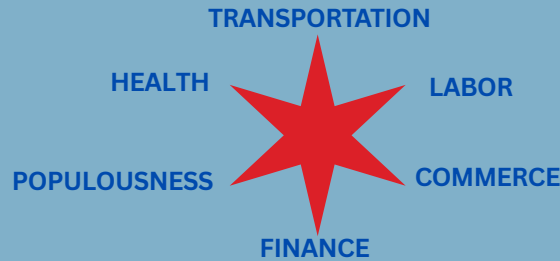
The bottom white stripe represents the south side of the city.

6 POINTS ON THE STARS

FORT DEARBORN



GREAT CHICAGO FIRE OF 1871



WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION OF 1893



CENTURY OF PROGRESS EXPOSITION OF 1933



FLAG STARS

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FORT DEARBORN

Almost none of the original fort remains visible because downtown Chicago literally grew over it. However, you can still spot the outline markers near the Michigan Avenue bridge!



2

GREAT CHICAGO FIRE OF 1871

A popular myth is that a cow was blamed for starting the fire. One of the few structures to survive was the Chicago Water Tower, which still stands today as a symbol of the city's resilience.

3

WORLD'S COLUMBIAN EXPOSITION OF 1893

The World's Columbian Exposition popularized everyday foods we eat today, like hamburgers and Cracker Jack, both of which were first widely introduced to audiences there.

4

CENTURY OF PROGRESS EXPOSITION OF 1933

The world's fair celebrated Chicago's centennial and showcased technological innovation during the depths of the Great Depression. The fair was built where Northerly Island stands.