

Call for Proposals:

FIGMENT Minigolf 2021 - Spaceport Gerlach

For 10 years, from 2008-2017, FIGMENT produced an artist-designed minigolf course on Governors Island in New York City that was free and open to the public. The course has received significant critical acclaim over the years and delighted many thousands of visitors of all ages each summer. Given our success with this course, FIGMENT has been invited to partner with Burning Man to create a similar artist-designed minigolf course in Gerlach, Nevada.

FIGMENT's mission is to build community through participatory art, and the artist-designed minigolf course provides a great template for artists to create work with which others can interact. For players minigolf provides an easy point of entry to participatory art: almost anyone can pick up a club and ball and interact with the art.

THEME

Our theme for this new course is "Spaceport Gerlach." In recent years, there has been significant renewed interest in space exploration, as private companies have achieved success in developing new space technology, billionaires have raced to offer commercial space travel to the wealthy, there has been robotic exploration of Mars, and discussion of what would be required for colonization, as well as popular conversation around UFOs and visitors from other worlds.

Creative interpretations of the theme are encouraged. You have as much poetic license as you would like—be bold! Sound and light elements are more than welcome.

While you may draw inspiration from anywhere, please be sure not to use any proprietary, copyrighted or trademarked symbols or characters in your proposal.

In addition to strong visual impact your design should take into account the safety of the participants and durability. There will be thousands of players, many of them children, enthusiastically interacting with your hole. And your hole needs to remain attractive and playable all summer long.

PROPOSAL SELECTION/BUDGET/STIPEND

A jury will evaluate your proposal based on the following criteria: creativity, durability, playability, feasibility, adherence to theme, budget, and community involvement.

In addition to reimbursing expenses up to \$1,000 to build and install your hole, FIGMENT offers a stipend of \$500 to each submitting artist whose proposed design is selected, installed and de-installed on time, and that survives in operable condition until the end of the season. We will also be paying travel expenses for artists to travel to Gerlach to build and install their holes.

PROPOSAL CRITERIA

Creativity and Innovation: Your piece should be visually stunning and wildly innovative. We're looking for awesomeness here!

Durability: Your piece must be able to withstand use by many thousands of players of all ages and sizes, as well as 3 months of exposure to the elements in Gerlach. Please plan for water, wind, and significant wear and tear. Please note that climbable, pointed or breakable holes will not be accepted.

Playability: Minigolf should be fun, not frustrating. Please design a hole that players can consistently complete in 2 to 5 putts.

Feasibility: You will be responsible for the design and construction of your piece. All holes will be built and installed in Gerlach the week of October 9-16, 2021. We expect all artists to be on site for this week to build and install.

Adherence to theme: The theme for this year's course is "Spaceport Gerlach." Please design a hole in keeping with this theme. The design should be fun to play and enticing for children and adults to interact with.

Budget: Please include a detailed budget for the costs of building and installing your hole. Please note that this budget should be for material costs only. For additional details on the budget please see "Tips and Tricks."

Community Involvement: We encourage submissions that involve community participation in their conception and execution.

TO SUBMIT A PROPOSAL:

Submit your minigolf proposal by September 15, 2021 at 11:59 PM ET. Please email your proposal to minigolf@figmentproject.org with the following 6 things in one pdf document:

1. Your name, address, email and the best phone number to reach you.
2. 1 to 3 sketches of your proposed piece with illustrations for key details.
3. 1 to 3 sketches of the holes' structural system. Provide a scale drawing of your hole with dimensions for overall length and width. The total length is limited to 16 feet. Please note the modules in which the hole can be taken apart to facilitate delivery and installation.
4. Brief description of how your hole interprets the "Spaceport Gerlach" theme. This can be as literal or as imaginative as you would like. Please note interactive elements such as those that make sounds upon contact.
5. Brief construction/installation plan: What will be required to build and install your piece on site in Gerlach, Nevada?
6. Detailed budget for materials and expenses: Artists will either be reimbursed for materials up to \$1,000, or we will arrange to pre-purchase materials in Gerlach. In prior years, all holes were built for less than this amount. Any costs above the proposed and accepted budget are the responsibility of the artist.

Please submit your proposed design prior to September 15, 2021 at 11:59 PM ET. Questions should be directed to minigolf@figmentproject.org