Chaperone Guide

Welcome! We appreciate you serving as a chaperone today! We hope you have an enjoyable visit. This guide contains some information to help you and your students have a successful and engaging fieldtrip!

Your Responsibilities

Students must be with chaperones at all times. This means students are close enough that you can see them and engage with them quickly.

Be a role model for appropriate behavior. Ensure your students are walking, and talking at appropriate levels.

Engage your students with the exhibits by using the prompts in this guide and the activities your teacher has prepared.

Enjoy yourself; your enthusiasm for learning and being at the Museum will set the tone for your group.

Help your students be scientists
Learn from their senses
Notice details
Ask questions and search for answers
Make connections

Help students make connections
Ask them:
What do you already know?
Does this remind you of anything?
What do you wonder?
What do you notice?
How do you know that?
How could you find out?

Trip Tips

Missing a student?
Find a Museum employee, volunteer or security. They will locate and reunite you as quickly as possible.

Lost something?
Go the ticket desk on Level 1 before your depart. Visitor Services staff will check the lost and found.

Good weather?
Explore the outside spaces, including the geological timeline that starts at the main entrance and goes through the oak grove. Be aware of rattlesnakes.

Important Notes

My Group:

Purpose:

Lunchtime:

Gift Shop: Yes  No

Departure time:

Bus number:

Phone number(s):
Navigating the Museum

Gallery/Level our group will be starting on:

Amount of time for galleries:

The order we will be visiting other galleries:

1. Group Entrance. This is the entrance your fieldtrip will be entering and exiting through.

2. Community Room. This is the space you will be eating lunch if you have a reservation. Your lunches will be stored in this room.

3. Café. This is not designed for students to get a snack or buy lunch, please don’t purchase food unless it is during your reserved luncheon.

4. Canyon. This is a good place to gather but is not designated for school groups to use as an eating space.

5. Ticket gate. This is where you will show your wristbands. You must go through the ticket gate to enter the galleries.

6. Our Backyard. This space is off-limits to school groups.

7. Learning Labs. These spaces are for classes held at the Museum. If the doors are open, you may explore in the Labs. If the doors are closed, please don’t open them, it disturbs the classes in session.

8. Elevators and bathrooms are found on every level, drinking fountains are found on Levels 2, 3, and 5. Field Trip groups should not use the elevators unless there is a medical need.