

Homeschool Field Trips to the Museum of Idaho

Welcome to the Museum of Idaho! We are excited to have your patronage and we hope that you enjoy our exhibits. In order to have a safe, enjoyable experience, please adhere to the Museum of Idaho's important policies known as Museum Manners. These are enforced to protect you as our visitor, as well as the valuable items on display.

Please review these Museum Manners before visiting the Museum of Idaho. **By booking a field trip, you are agreeing to follow these policies and ensuring that all adults accompanying your group have read this document and understand their responsibilities.** Admission privileges can be revoked at any time at the sole discretion of museum management.

We encourage homeschool groups to purchase family memberships. For one affordable yearly cost, a family can visit MOI as many times as they'd like, receive discounts on programs and in the store, and build a culture of learning. With constantly changing special exhibits, and a permanent collection of thousands of objects, MOI is the perfect place for making meaningful curriculum connections.

1. Be Careful

- **Students of all ages must remain with an adult at all times.**

Homeschools are invited to book a field trip with the Programs Educator. Provide each student's name and grade level to receive our special pricing for students. One adult per homeschool family is required to attend with the students and will be admitted at a discounted educational rate. Any additional children and adults will receive regular admission pricing. If booking with a large group, please be aware that all students must arrive at the same, scheduled time and that our Children's Discovery Room is closed to large groups.

- **Running, rough-housing, and climbing on exhibit structures is not permitted.**

Please stress to your students that the museum is not a playground. Running and yelling are not permitted, but interaction and inquiry are encouraged (that means engaged conversation, photographs, etc. are allowed).

2. Be Considerate

- **Food, drink, and gum are not allowed in the exhibitions. Backpacks and other bulky items are discouraged.**

- **Be a steward of museum property.**

Only touch objects when invited to do so by museum signs or staff. Leaning and writing on exhibit cases is not permitted. Please bring clipboards and pencils for students to use.

- **Be considerate of other museum guests.**

Use indoor voices and set all cell phones to silent mode. Students may sit on the floor to closely observe exhibitions provided that traffic flow is not blocked.

3. Be Curious

- **Create questions before visiting the museum.**

Students can develop "I wonder" statements to investigate during their visit. For example, "I wonder how or why this exhibit was created." In addition, teachers can prepare for a class visit by using educational resources found on the Museum of Idaho website. We strongly suggest that you print and use the gallery guide for the exhibits from this page during your visit.

- **Document observations at the museum.**

Students can record their observations through scientific illustrations or photographs. Photography is permitted in all exhibitions unless otherwise noted. Look for signs indicating when a temporary exhibition cannot be photographed.

- **Engage with docents and staff who are available to enhance your learning at the museum.**

Docents, wearing green lanyards, are stationed throughout the museum and have a wealth of knowledge about the exhibits and museum facilities. Gallery Attendants, wearing red lanyards, can answer questions about museum facilities. Security Guards, wearing blue lanyards, roam throughout the exhibits and help ensure visitor and exhibit safety.