

Museum Manners: Field Trip Behavior Expectations

Welcome to the Museum of Idaho! We are very 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 Museum Manners are enforced to protect you as our visitor, as well as the valuable items on display.

Please review these Museum Manners with all students and chaperones before visiting the Museum of Idaho. **By booking a field trip, you are agreeing to follow these policies and ensuring that all chaperones 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.

Be Careful

- **Students of all ages must remain with a chaperone at all times.**

Break students into groups of at least one chaperone per six students in Pre-K through 5th grade, and at least one chaperone per ten students in 6th through 12th grade. All planned chaperones will be admitted free of charge in exchange for directing student behavior. Please arrange your number of chaperones in advance with the Programs Educator. If the assigned chaperones (who receive free admission) are negligent of their duties, the school will be sent an invoice for the chaperones in question at regular admission price. If the group is unable to meet these required ratios, the school will be charged \$15/hr per missing chaperone for a museum staff member to serve as a chaperone.

- **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).

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.

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.

Museum Store Policy

Please do not include the museum store as part of your scheduled visit unless pre-arranged with the Programs Educator.