

Tips for Planning a Successful Museum Visit

Before you arrive:

- Go over the Museum Expectations with your students and chaperones.
- Break your students into small groups and assign chaperones to these groups.
- Prepare your chaperones in advance with your Visit Goals, Museum Expectations and a Schedule of the Day. Provide each chaperone with a *Chaperone Sheet*, included at the back of this packet.
- Organize carpooling with your chaperones.
- **DO NOT** plan to use old SBM scavenger hunts or other activity sheets. Our museum changes every year and students become frustrated if they are unable to find objects or answer questions. Instead, consider using the *Discovery Guide*, which is updated each year.
- Take advantage of our complimentary passes for teachers who would like to visit the museum in advance of their field trip. This will allow you to familiarize yourself with the buildings and interpretation in order to prepare your students. Remember, our exhibits can change from year to year! Please call our Visitor Services Coordinator to reserve a pass (433-1110).
- Make sure your students dress for the weather – raincoats, umbrellas, appropriate shoes, hats, etc. Remember, we are an outdoor museum.
- Have students wear nametags.

Enjoy your visit!!!