

School & Youth Group Guidelines

Summer 2011 - Spring 2012



Please print this page for your reference - it is yours to keep.

Confirm that you have read and understand the guidelines below by signing the attached School & Youth Group Admission Form. Bring the completed form on the day of your visit to be admitted to the Academy.

Arriving at the Museum

- » **Parking & Unloading:** Cars may park on surface streets for a limited time or in the underground city garage. We do not validate parking. The bus loading/unloading zone is located at the front of the Academy. City parking for buses is available behind the Music Concourse Band Shell for a low fee.
- » **Entry:** Please have your School & Youth Group Admission Form completed. A Guest Services staff member will meet and direct your group to the appropriate line. Expect entry to take at least 10 minutes.

Behavior Expectations

- » **Student Reminders:** Stay with your chaperone and group at all times. Be respectful of the living animals and other visitors by walking, talking quietly, and not tapping on the glass. Do not eat or drink in the exhibits.
- » **Chaperone Reminders:** Stay with the students at all times and act as a role model.

Inside the Academy

- » **Reserved Field Trip Programming:** Note that if your school group arrives late, we may or may not be able to accommodate your group. If you have pre-scheduled a Student Lab, Docent Preview, or Rock Program starting on or before 10:00am, an Academy Educator will meet your group in the Entrance Lobby. If you have reserved the 11:30am Student Lab or Rock Program, meet your Academy Educator on the Level 3 balcony directly past the Naturalist Center.
- » **Planetarium:** School and youth groups may attend a Planetarium show only if they have a reservation. Please arrive at the Planetarium no later than 15 minutes before your scheduled show time to be seated, as failure to do so may result in a cancellation of your reservation.
- » **Daily Presentations:** Schedules can be obtained in the lobby on the day of your visit. If you decide to attend a presentation, we ask that you stay for the entire program (~15 minutes), as leaving disrupts the program for other visitors.
- » **Safety & Security:** For lost children or first aid, please go to the Security Office located near the Alligator Swamp or flag down the closest Security guard or Guest Services staff on the public floor.
- » **Lunches:** You may eat lunch outside in the Music Concourse, or in the Academy Gardens. No open food or drink is allowed on the exhibit floor, and storage for lunches is unavailable.
- » **Re-entry:** If anyone in the group wishes to leave the building and re-enter, they must get their hand stamped at the Guest Services Desk at the exit door. Students may not leave or enter the Academy without a teacher or chaperone.
- » **Cameras:** You may take pictures most places in the Academy. Please do not use a flash and do not take pictures at all where signs forbid it. Tripods are not allowed.
- » **Other Services:** For lost and found items, go to the Coat Check in the Entrance Lobby. An ATM is also located there. Wheel-chairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis for those in need. A family restroom is located on the main floor near the Swamp.

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Give this completed form to a Guest Services staff member to be admitted to the Academy.

Group Information

Order Number: _____ Date of Trip: _____ Time of Arrival: _____

School/Organization Name: _____ Grade(s): _____

Teacher/Organizer Name(s): _____

Cell Phone Number while at the Academy: _____

Updated Attendance

How many people are in your party today? Actual headcount:

Students/Youth: _____

Adults: _____

Total: _____

If you have more people in your group than in your reservation, you will be asked to pay the full price rate for them at the door.

We regret that refunds cannot be given if the headcount is lower than initially expected.

Acknowledgement of Understanding

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I have read and understand the attached guidelines. I accept full responsibility for the safe and orderly conduct of my group. I understand that if we violate the behavior expectations we may be asked to leave the Academy.

Printed Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____