

Field Trip Expectations & Safety Acknowledgement Form

- When your group arrives, the leader will check in at the ticket window while your chaperones and students receive a quick overview of expectations and safety.
- To prevent overcrowding, **we will divide into smaller groups with a 1:7 student/chaperone ratio** and tour the grounds in different directions
- I understand that students are to be assigned to chaperones and chaperones **are responsible for students' behavior at all times.**
- **I understand that students are expected to** make good choices, be respectful, move at a leisurely pace, and use quiet voices. **As the leader, I am responsible for reinforcing this.**
- **I understand that exhibit walls, ledges, railings, and benches are not playground equipment** to jump, swing, run, or climb on.
- **I understand that my group and I are responsible for** being at the assigned meeting locations at the correct times for lunch and departure.
- **I understand that the students and I are representatives of our school/group** and our behavior can positively or negatively affect future field trips for our school/group. If your group has poor behavior, your school may be prohibited from visiting the Museum in the future. **(Strictly Enforced)**
- **I understand that the Museum is unable to store lunches or personal items. ALL food MUST be left on the bus/vehicle until your scheduled lunchtime. Outside food is not allowed on Museum grounds; water bottles are permitted.**
- **I understand that the pathways are marked for our safety.** I will ensure that students stay on designated paths and do not disturb any plants or animals.
- **I understand that my students and I are responsible for cleaning up our trash** in the picnic ramada and on grounds. For the health and safety of our animals, **please do not throw anything into the exhibits.** You may be barred from future visits, depending on severity.
- **I understand that students are to be considerate** of each other and other visitors by not blocking paths and exhibits and by using quiet voices, especially indoors.

I acknowledge that chaperones have reviewed the website rules prior to the visit.

<http://www.desertMuseum.org/about/faq.php>

Our group will model and encourage safe behavior and learning.

Our group will maintain safe behavior and follow the rules.

I acknowledge that if my group does not adhere to the behavior expectations that my group or school may be asked to leave and could be barred from future visits.

I will ensure chaperones watch the Self-Guided Visit preparation [Video](https://desertmuseum.org/center/edu/resources.php)

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Date of Visit: _____

School/Group: _____

Lead Teacher/Instructor: _____ Phone Contact _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Be prepared to provide headcount for students: # _____ and teachers, chaperones, adults: # _____

Please bring this signed acknowledgement to the ticket window when checking in your group.

It is our desire that, by visiting the Museum, your group will develop an increased understanding of the Sonoran Desert and be inspired to live in harmony with the natural world.