

Youth and School Group Guidelines

These guidelines are intended to help your group prepare for your visit to the High Desert Museum. You may find a list of scheduled program information at www.highdesertmuseum.org or call (541) 382-4754 for more information.

<u>Changes or Cancellations:</u> If you must change the date of your visit we ask that you contact the Museum immediately at (541) 382-4754. Please note that various program changes and cancellations may be subject to administrative fees.

<u>Weather Considerations:</u> Since much of the Museum is outdoors, remind students and chaperones to dress appropriately. During winter or days of inclement weather, a lunchroom will be assigned to your group at a scheduled time at no cost. Your group may also enjoy lunch outdoors within various picnic locations in clement weather.

<u>Museum Arrival & Departure:</u> You may unload and load in the area in front of the main entrance and park in either bus or visitor parking lots.

<u>Check-in:</u> Please have your group assemble outside the Museum's front doors while the group leader notifies the admission desk of your arrival. Plan to arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled program to allow for admission procedures.

<u>Museum Grounds:</u> Keep students on the paths and respect all Museum grounds as exhibit spaces; the landscaped outdoors are an equally valuable learning tool to all visitors.

<u>Gift Shop:</u> School groups are encouraged to visit the Museum's gift shop and take home a keepsake. We do ask, however, that chaperones be cognizant of crowds and limit the number of students to 7 in the gift shop at one time.

<u>General Museum Rules and Etiquette:</u> Remind students to be courteous to all visitors, artifacts, and wildlife by remaining in small groups, keeping noise levels environmentally appropriate, and learning with only the senses suitable to each exhibit.