Planning Your Visit

The State Museum of Pennsylvania

Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission

Bag Limitations:

Students may **NOT** carry bags or backpacks through the Museum.

All adult bags larger than 12” wide x 12” high x 4” deep are required to be stowed in the Orientation Room.

- **Exception** will be made for the group leader and medical personnel only.

- Promote "*If you don't need it; don't bring it*" with your students, chaperones, and additional staff.

- The Museum reserves the right to inspect all bags.

- The Museum is not responsible for any lost or stolen item.

- Lockers are available for chaperone bags, on a limited basis.

Please Note:

Non-adherence to bag limitations may delay your groups entrance to the Museum disrupting your schedule for the day.

Frequently Asked Questions???

1. **When should we plan to arrive at the Museum?**
   - The Museum opens at 9:00 AM. Access is not available before this time.
   - Arrive at the Museum 30 minutes prior to any scheduled program. This provides time for orientation, restrooms, and arriving at your program location on time.
   - If your group is late for scheduled programs, the Museum reserved the right to cancel the program without refund.
   - If you need to cancel, or make changes to your visit, call us at 717-772-6997.

2. **How much time to we need to visit?**
   - It takes a minimum of 1-1/2 hours to tour the Museum.
   - It is recommended for any visit exceeding 2 hours that other activities be planned (i.e. class, tour, planetarium show)

3. **What is the first thing we should do when we arrive?**
   - When your bus arrives, a group leader should check in with Museum Staff at the North Street entrance prior to students disembarking.
   - The Museum offers Loading and Unloading only. No bus parking is available. Buses will need to move to another location for parking.

**Lunches:**

- The Museum does **NOT** have an inside area for groups to eat. Our outside plaza is always available.

- Bagged lunches must be in boxes or coolers clearly labelled with the Group Name/Teacher Name and will be stowed in the Orientation Room.

- Refrigeration is unavailable.

**Food and Drink:**

- Food or beverages of any kind, including water, are not allowed in the Museum Galleries.

- All food and drink must be stored in the Orientation Room.