

CAVE OF THE MOUNDS

CHAPERONE GUIDELINES



If I'm traveling by car and arrive before the bus, what should I do?

- Please Park your vehicle in the main parking lot and make your way to our big red barn to wait until the students and school staff have arrived.
- Keep all backpacks, lunches and large bags in your vehicle.



How can I help while students are exiting the bus?

- Check in with a school staff member.
- Follow the cave staff as they lead student groups toward the restrooms.
- Make sure all children in your group have exited the restroom before moving on.



How can I help students with transitions between locations/programs?

- Keep everyone walking together and stay on the trails/pathways.
- Enjoy the beautiful plants, rocks, and animals WITHOUT touching.
- Encourage meaningful engagement. Read the informational signs posted around the cave grounds.
- Unless the sluice/water trough is part of your program, please stay clear of the area entirely.
- If your program DOES include the sluice/water trough, please model, and expect appropriate and safe usage:
 1. *Enjoy sluicing to reveal gems/fossils.*
 2. *Using the framed samples mounted nearby, help the students identify their findings.*
 3. *Make sure water stays IN the sluice.*
 4. *Do not use trays, hands or other objects to back up the water trough.*



How can I help during the cave tour?

- Please position yourself near those children who may need extra attention.
- Model and expect exceptional manners.
 1. Be an attentive listener when the tour guide is sharing information.
 2. Use a "cave whisper" to interact with others so that all guests may enjoy the cave.
- Honor cave preservation guidelines by modeling the following:
 - All rocks and pools of water are to remain UNTOUCHED.



How can I help students in the gift shop?

- Help students estimate the total cost of their purchase items before they wait in line at the cash register.
- Encourage students to put their receipt in the shopping bag provided.
- As each student finishes shopping, designate an adult to gather them outside the gift shop entrance.



What can I do to support PARK and PICNIC etiquette?

- Supervise students at all times.
- Preserve the beauty of our cave grounds:
 1. Encourage students to actively participate in clean up.
 2. When done eating, kindly do not play or climb in gardens or on rocks and fences.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US GUIDE THE STUDENTS
THROUGH A POSTITIVE EXPERIENCE.
Our Cave of the Mounds Staff appreciate you!