



**FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES:**

**Sailing Vessels  
Anchored in a Bay or Lake**

Safety begins with common sense.

The Teacher Role and Responsibilities

1. Please follow these adult to student ratios when arranging groups: 4th grade & up-- 1 adult: 10 children 3rd grade & below-- 1 adult: 5 children
2. During your visit to a Vessel/Museum, staff will be counting on the teacher and chaperones to help provide a safe and rewarding experience for all concerned.
3. Teachers must keep students in control at all times while at the Pier and in the Museum.
4. All groups should display museum behavior while visiting all areas of the park.
5. It is the teacher's responsibility to ensure that his/her class understands and follows park rules.

Chaperone Requirements

1. In order to provide a safe experience for the children we require at least 1 adult for every 10 children. Chaperones should be actively involved, with the teacher, in monitoring the children.
2. Before the visit, please provide chaperones with a copy of this handout.

Park Rules

1. Absolutely no running on the Pier or in a Museum.
2. Food and drink are not allowed.
3. There is no eating or drinking allowed while on a ranger-led tour or on the ships.
4. Climbing is not permitted. This includes ship rigging and rails along the pier.
5. An adult must supervise children at all times.

Safety Concerns

1. Due to the nature of our park facilities there are many uneven surfaces, narrow passageways, and low overhangs.
2. If your tour is guided, the ranger will need your cooperation in guiding the group safely on the pier and through the vessels.
3. If you are on a self-guided tour please be alert to these hazards.

Appropriate Dress and Footwear

1. Weather is variable. Students should dress in layers and include a warm jacket or rain gear, if appropriate. When the weather is cold or wet, bring plenty of warm clothes, rain suit or poncho, and a change of cloths for the ride home.
2. On sunny days apply sun screen and wear appropriate clothing to avoid sun burn.
3. Tours will generally be conducted rain or shine.
4. Comfortable walking shoes (sneakers) are appropriate for the ships.

Additional Guidelines

1. At least one person in the group should carry a well-stocked first aid kit. The kit should include bandages in various sizes, gauze, antibiotic ointment, aspirin, medical tape, and scissors.
2. Be sure to bring along plenty of water or other liquids. One can become dehydrated quickly when working in the field, even in cool weather.
3. If you get tired or winded, stop and rest.