Museum Manners

A field trip to a museum should be a fun and educational experience. One of the ways to ensure a positive experience is to practice proper museum etiquette:

1. Artifacts and art on display are not to be touched.

2. There is no climbing or sitting on artifacts, both for the visitor's safety and for the protection of the artifacts.

3. Do not linger around or inside the Museum Store. Up to 20 students at a time may enter the store, and then rotate out to make room for others. Chaperones must accompany students in the store.

4. The group leader and chaperones are responsible for keeping their students together and for maintaining proper behavior. We recommend at least one (1) chaperone for every ten (10) students.

5. It is acceptable to talk quietly; however, shouting is unacceptable. Many Museum guests are military veterans who find their visit to be an emotional experience. Please respect other Museum visitors at all times.

6. Students are not permitted to run up and down the stairs or play on the elevators; depending on the size of the groups, some groups are asked not to go on the stairs during their visit.

7. No food, drink, or gum is allowed in the Museum galleries. If students bring their own bag lunches, these must be eaten outside the Museum. The Devil Dog Diner accommodates student groups with prior reservation.

8. Cameras are permitted, but flash photography is restricted in some areas of the Museum.

9. Backpacks, large purses, and similar items should be left on the bus.

Encourage your students to be engaged and respectful visitors and to enjoy the special educational experience the National Museum of the Marine Corps has to offer!