SCHOOL TOUR RULES AND GUIDELINES

HEALTH AND SAFETY

In light of recent health updates and guidelines from local and state authorities, the Bowers Museum will lift all remaining mask requirements for visitors, including in the auditorium and on group tours, beginning April 1. Complimentary masks will continue to be available at the Museum Admissions Desk and visitors are welcome to wear them per their comfort level. Vaccination proof will continue to be required for all staff and volunteers only. Unvaccinated visitors are encouraged to mask, but proof of vaccination will not be required upon entry to the Museum.

GROUP IDENTIFICATION

All members of the school group are required to wear either a name tag or school shirt that can help us easily identify your group.

PARKING

Buses may park on 20th Street in the designated passenger loading zone for the duration of your school’s visit for free as space allows.

Cars may park in the north parking lot. The parking fee is $6.00 per car from 10am – 4:00pm.

ARRIVAL

Please arrive 10-15 minutes before your scheduled tour. If you arrive late, your break or activities will be shortened. Please contact us at (714)567-3642 if your group will be late for their scheduled tour.

CHECK-IN

We recommend entering through the South Entrance (see image below), where upon entering you will be in our Key Courtyard. Your group can gather here, while upon arrival the group leader will check in at the Bowers Museum admission desk at the south entrance. There you will also be introduced to docent(s), who will escort your group to the gallery where your tour is to take place.
CHAPERONE REQUIREMENTS

At least one adult chaperone is required to supervise for every fifteen children for the duration of your visit. Chaperones are responsible for students’ conduct and adherence to the rules for appropriate behavior at Bowers Museum and its grounds.

LUNCH

Please store all food and drinks on the buses for the duration of your visit and notify the tours office in advance if you need to eat snack or lunch during your visit. There are no areas for school groups to eat lunch or snack inside the Bowers Museum. Your group may eat under the outdoor arcades in our Key Courtyard or on the lawn area just outside the museum walls on 20th street, by the bus drop off zone, weather permitting.

RE-ENTRY

You may not re-enter a Special Ticketed Exhibition. You may exit the Museum and our permanent collections and return later in the day if you would like. Tickets are valid from the printed entrance time through the end of operating hours on the day of your visit. Just remember: please retain your admission sticker and ticket stub to present upon re-entry.

RESTROOMS

To assure cleanliness in restrooms, students must be accompanied by appropriate chaperones for all restroom visits. Please use the restrooms before or after your activities, or during your scheduled break.

PLEASE DO NOT BRING

Please make arrangements to leave backpacks, large bags, food, gum, beverages or water bottles on the bus. We ask that students and chaperones turn off all cell phones during tours and art classes.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Photographs may be taken in selected galleries, please check with a docent or security officer for photography rules in a particular exhibit. NO FLASH photography is allowed in any area of the Bowers Museum.

GALLERY GUIDELINES

Please do not touch anything in the galleries unless given permission. Please do not run and be mindful of your volume while in the museum. Please ensure the students stay with the group. For your protection and safety, no climbing is allowed on outdoor sculptures.

IMAGE/VIDEO USE

As a visitor to the museum, you hereby grant to Bowers Museum the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish photographs or video of you for Bowers Museum publications, electronic reproductions (websites, social media) and/or promotional materials or any other purpose and in any manner or medium. In addition, you grant permission to alter the same without restriction; and to copyright the same.
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PLEASE DISTRIBUTE COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT TO ALL ATTENDING TEACHERS AND CHAPERONES. THANK YOU AND ENJOY YOUR TOUR!

For additional information call 714.567.3680