



Smith-Appleby House Museum

Chaperone Guide

- While exploring the Museum and grounds it is important that you closely monitor the students in your charge. You will see a variety of fences and stone walls throughout our farm. While tempting to students, these 18th century structures are not safe for climbing, sitting, or leaning.
- Handicapped accessible public restrooms are located in the first building on the left when you first enter the property. This will be pointed out to students upon arrival. We utilize the “buddy system” system at the museum. First, the child must inform an adult their necessity to use the facility and secondly, they must be accompanied by at least one other child. Students should report back to the adult when they return to the group. No child should be leaving their group without an adult’s knowledge.
- While touring the house you are responsible for the behavior of the students in your group. Please enter the buildings first- this is a signal to our costumed historians that the students are supervised. A second adult should be the last person to leave a room.
- Keep a watchful of your group since many of our artifacts should not be touched. This includes walls and ceilings since they are original to the structure.
- Please model respectful museum behavior for your charges- listen to our historian. We welcome questions and encourage students and adults to share their thoughts about living here during this time period!
- There is no food or drink allowed in the museum. Also, please refrain from cell phone use.
- During our workshops, you may have a different role. If a group is large, Chaperones may be asked to help with the activities. If you are present for a workshop, please refrain from talking to other chaperones, making cell phone calls, and other disruptive behavior that may distract the students from learning. We really need your help to make this a great day for your students.

Lastly, please do not attempt to deal with an unusual situation with a student without guidance. A student’s teacher is the expert for their charges. Any chaperone having a student issue (be it illness, injury, or behavior of any type) is asked to inform the student’s teacher who will then decide on the course of action.

Most importantly, thank you for volunteering to help us bring a fun filled educational experience to the students. We hope you will enjoy your day!

The Smith-Appleby Museum Staff