

How to Be a Great Chaperone during a Visit to the Ackland

Thank you for agreeing to be a chaperone. We appreciate your help in making your group's visit to the Ackland a safe and enjoyable one.

As a chaperone, we ask that you:

- ✓ **Help children in your group be good museum visitors by following the rules.** Please review the museum guidelines with students at the beginning of their visit and, when necessary, remind students of these rules during the visit.
- ✓ **Assist the docent or students with planned activities.** This may mean passing out or collecting materials or working with a small group of children doing an activity.
- ✓ **Model attentive behavior.** If you pay attention to the docent and to how children in the group are responding, the children are more likely to do so as well.
- ✓ **Encourage each child to participate.**
- ✓ **Save your responses to the docent's questions until the end of the conversation to ensure that all students have a chance to be heard.** Share information or ideas with the group, as they relate to something the students are studying in school or to prompt discussion.
- ✓ **Help a child who leaves the gallery lesson area return to the group.** If a child needs to go to the restroom or is ill, please assist that student. If the child is leaving for another reason, help him or her to become re-engaged in the gallery experience.
- ✓ **Accompany children ages 10 and under to the restroom.**