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.