Museum Manners

For teachers:

• **Please bring one adult for every 10 students.** Adults are responsible for enforcing proper museum behavior.
• **Arrive on time and allow time for parking.** Our volunteer docents are required to wait only 15 minutes past the scheduled tour time.
• **Plan to spend about 45 minutes to an hour in the Museum of Art.** Most students won’t last much longer than this.
• **Museum docents are trained to use questioning strategies with your students.** We request that the adults in your group refrain from answering the questions. The success of the tour depends upon the docent’s interaction with the students.
• **Please make sure each student wears a nametag.** This makes it easier for the docents to engage the students in the tour.
• **Restroom facilities and a water fountain are located on the lower level of the Museum of Art. Please use these before or after your tour.**
• **Experiencing art is a wonderful thing.** Art can teach you about people, geography, ideas, history, science, and technology. Above all, we want you and your students to enjoy your visit to the Museum of Art. We encourage looking, quiet contemplation, and group discussion of the art works.
• **For the sake of all concerned and to save any potential embarrassment, please go over the following with your students before you arrive.**

For students:

• **Students must check coats and backpacks in the coatroom.** These items can accidentally bump into works of art.
• **Food and drink are not allowed in the Museum of Art.** Students are also asked not to chew gum.
• **Please do not touch!** Oils and acids on one’s hands damage works in all media, including frames.
• **Please do not lean on pedestals or walls.**
• **Please don’t use a pencil to make your point!** Paintings and sculptures can be badly damaged when well-meaning people come really close and point with a finger or pencil.
• **No flash photography is allowed.**
• **Please WALK down the stairs and hold onto the handrail.**
• **By doing all of the above you are helping to preserve the art so that future generations will be able to enjoy it as much as we do!**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON.

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