



Chaperones, are we glad to see YOU!

Thank you for chaperoning a field trip to Plimoth Plantation! You have an important (and fun) job! In addition to monitoring the safety and behavior of your group, you also play an important role in helping your students interact with our Museum staff and living history exhibits.

MUSEUM GUIDELINES

You are responsible for your students and their behavior. It is MANDATORY that you remain with your students at all times during your visit. This applies to high school students as well.

Be nice to the animals! Please ask your students not to touch, feed or tease our Rare Breeds farm animals, or chase the chickens.

Yes, you can touch! Students/Children are encouraged to handle and examine objects, as long as they are carefully supervised.

You may take pictures or audio/video recordings. Your pictures and recordings are intended for personal keepsakes. If you would like to use these images for commercial purposes or in publications, please call (508) 746-1622 x8206 or email pr@plimoth.org.

Please limit cell phone calls. Help us keep the modern world at bay!

Please do not smoke, drink or eat in the outdoor exhibit areas, or inside Museum buildings.

VISITING THE WAMPANOAG HOMESITE RESPECTFULLY

Every student has probably experienced how cruel words can be and remembers how they felt when words were spoken as weapons. Every day, in an effort to educate, to preserve their traditions and to overcome cultural stereotypes, the Museum's Wampanoag Indigenous Program staff welcome thousands of guests. They share stories of their ancestors and often share their personal experiences, too. It is a gift to experience their openness about their lives and community.

Help your students show respect to their Native hosts. No war whoops, please. A simple "Hello" will win many more smiles than using the Hollywood stereotype "How" for a greeting or addressing the staff as "squaw" or "chief." Without teepees and feathered headdresses, our Wampanoag Homesite and our Native staff might look different than your students expect. A visit to Plimoth Plantation is an opportunity to discover the unique history and culture of America's Eastern Woodland nations

HINTS FOR A GREAT VISIT

Have fun and learn something with us today! Ask a lot of questions of the staff you meet, and explore all that Plimoth Plantation has to offer. Below are some fun ideas and activities for your group.

Ask Questions!

In the 17th-Century English Village, the people your group will meet are back in 1627! Please ask modern questions at other places in the Museum.

At the Wampanoag Homesite, your group will be meeting modern-day Native People who are not back in the past even though they are dressed in traditional Wampanoag clothing.

What is *that* used for?

Have students look for objects the English or Wampanoag used in their daily lives. Try to find out what these objects were used for, how they were made and compare them to objects we use for the same purpose today. If students have paper and pencil they can make a sketch of an object to show back at school.

Take a whiff of this!

Take a moment to have your students close their eyes and identify the many smells and sounds they are encountering. Do this periodically as you travel through the Museum sites. How do the sounds and smells change at different places in the Museum? Do you have those smells/sounds at home? Why or why not?

Can I help?

Want to help do some work or play a game? Just ask! If they are able, staff members will get your students involved, although at our busiest times this may not be possible.

Learn to make some *really old* food!

At the Wampanoag Homesite, the 17th-Century English Village, or *Mayflower II*, have your group find out how to make a common food item that people ate in the 17th century. Write down the ingredients and how it was made. How would you make it at home? Do you eat anything like it?

GOOD THINGS TO KNOW

Lost and found is located at the front desk in the Visitor Center.

Restrooms can be found near the front entrance of the Visitor Center, and close to the Patuxet Cafe. There are also facilities at the Craft Center. At *Mayflower II* there are restroom facilities operated by the state Department of Conservation and Recreation, located near *Mayflower II* in Pilgrim Memorial State Park.

Food and drink are available for purchase at the Patuxet Café in the Visitor Center. If your group brought lunch you are welcome to eat lunch at the Peabody Pavilion (located adjacent to the bus parking lot) where there are picnic tables, or on the grass areas outside the Museum.

Museum shops welcome school groups, while requesting that students remain with their chaperones. We have a children's shop in our Visitor Center. Plimoth Plantation also operates two gift shops in the park on the waterfront where the *Mayflower II* is located.

In case of an emergency, such as an injury or a lost child, please notify the nearest staff member, even if they are in costume.

Questions, comments or concerns, please contact info@plimoth.org or call (508) 746-1622 ext. 8281.