

Chaperone Letter

Dear Chaperone:

Thank you for chaperoning a field trip to Historic St. Mary's City! You are helping fill an important role on a day that will be filled with learning (and fun!) in an outdoor setting.

Historic St. Mary's City recommends you dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes - you will be walking roughly three miles on your tour. The tour will be rain or shine.

We need to help to ensure students are acting in a respectful and safe manner during your visit. To keep the day running smoothly, we expect you to be 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 all grades, including high school.

- Help us teach students to be kind to animals by not allowing behaviors such as feeding, chasing, or yelling at our heritage breed farm animals.
- Help students learn the importance of respecting property and keep it clean by helping clean up after lunch.
- Remind students not to bring food, candy, gum, or soft drinks on to the sites.
- Ensure that students (or adults) do not take anything from the sites and paths including man-made (broken pottery, glass, etc.) or natural materials such as plants, rocks, sticks, shells, etc.
- Limit cell phone use by either turning off your ringer, or putting your phone on vibrate. If you must take a call, please step to the side so as not to disturb the group.
- Students will be allowed to touch some objects at the interpretive areas. Your guide will direct the group to those items which can be handled and identify those that cannot.
- Please do not smoke or vape on museum property.

Again, thank you for being a chaperone. We look forward to sharing our museum with you!