

Chaperone Guide

Thank you for chaperoning a field trip to the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center! Please take a moment to read and share the following information.

Play It Safe and Respectful

Help us create a safe and enjoyable experience by being respectful of fellow guests, staff and exhibits. Walk, use indoor voices and follow posted guidelines and staff instructions. Chaperones are responsible for supervising their groups and ensuring respectful behavior.

Learn Through Play

Encourage curiosity by asking questions, sharing insights and engaging students in fun, hands-on learning. Help make connections between exhibits, classroom topics and real-life experiences to deepen understanding and make learning more meaningful.

Stay Together

Chaperones are responsible for supervising students at all times and must be 18 or older (not siblings or peers). At least one chaperone is required for every ten students, and students should remain with their group, including when visiting the gift shop.

Be Flexible and Adaptable

Be flexible with your group's pace, recognizing that students may connect with exhibits differently. If a student seems overwhelmed or disengaged, try offering a new perspective to help them reengage.

Clean Up

Please enjoy food and drinks only in designated areas. For everyone's comfort and safety, smoking is not permitted anywhere on the property.

Stay Positive

Keep the mood upbeat and help students feel engaged and excited, even when things don't go as planned! If you need help, our staff is here for you.

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*Groups who do not follow behavior guidelines may be asked to leave and could have visiting privileges suspended. See our website for a complete list of Freedom Center group policies.