



Schools & Group Information Packet

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Bandera Natural History and Art Museum
267 Old San Antonio Hwy | PO Box 1555 | Bandera, TX 78003
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MUSEUM GENERAL INFORMATION

DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION:

The museum is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm*, and Sunday 12 noon to 5 pm*. On Mondays and Tuesdays, we are open only for groups of 50+ with advanced reservation.

Please check our website for seasonal hours.

*last admission 4:30 pm

WHAT YOU WILL FIND AT THE MUSEUM:

- Life-sized dinosaurs on outdoor walking trails
- Bone digging play stations to complete dinosaur skeletons
- Pollinator gardens and monarch butterfly way stations
- International Hall featuring:
 - 17-foot Massai giraffe
 - Full body taxidermy mounts of lion, wolf, grizzly bear, kangaroo, etc.
 - A 2,000-pound jade tiger
 - Latin American mask wall
 - Triceratops skeleton model that starred in the 2014 movie *Night at The Museum: Secret of the Tomb*
 - Mural representing the sequence of life on Earth from 500 million years ago to modern times
 - Six cases of cultural artifacts from around the world
 - Trail of Habitats—Six dioramas used to showcase wildlife habitats in The Savannah, Mount Kilimanjaro, The Swamps, The Forest, The Arctic Tundra and Mountains of the World
- New Spain Art Hall featuring paintings, sculptures, furniture, Talavera pottery, ivory and silver pieces from the 16th to the 19th centuries.
- The Manila Galleon is a 20-foot, 1:12-scale replica of the ship Isabella, that includes scale models of the crew and cargo carried by ships of this type for 250 years.



GROUP AND SCHOOL FIELD TRIP RATES

Wednesday through Sunday a group of 10+ people with advanced reservations can take advantage of discounted group rates. Groups of 50+ can request a private museum tour on Mondays or Tuesdays. Contact the museum at (830) 328-5090 to make the arrangements.

| Category | General Admission | Regular Group Rate | School Field Trip Rate* |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| Students 13-18 | \$10.00 | \$8.00 | \$5.00 |
| Students 4-12 | \$9.00 | \$5.00 | \$5.00 |
| Parents/Adults | \$14.00 | \$12.00 | n/a |

School groups can be public, private or homeschool.

*Federal Title 1 schools may qualify for an extra-discounted rate of only \$2 per student. To qualify for the Title 1 rate, schools must submit to the museum, on school letterhead and signed by an administrator, specific information. (see page 5 for this information)

STUDENT FIELD TRIPS

Payment: The museum prefers advanced payments via school credit card or check. If paying on the day of the field trip, the group leader must make a single payment for the entire group upon entry.

Guided Tours: With prior arrangements, the museum offers guided tours of the International Hall, New Spain Gallery, and Dinosaur Park. Note that the New Spain Art Gallery is only recommended for grades 5 and above.

Free Admission: Teachers and bus drivers receive free admission.

School Chaperone Ratio: A 10:1 child-to-chaperone ratio is requested for most elementary groups. Kindergarten and pre-school groups may opt for higher ratios.

Final Headcount: A final headcount is required one week before the visit to ensure adequate staffing and volunteer support.

Parents: Parents accompanying their children on the field trip will be charged the regular group rate of \$12 (not the field trip rate).

Siblings: Non-school-age siblings are discouraged from coming along on the field trip.

FYI FOR GROUP LEADERS

Please allow at least two hours for the group to experience the entire campus.

Should you have unusual circumstances, multiple classes, or a group of 100+ coming at one time, please call the museum to discuss group logistics.

MUSEUM MANNERS

THESE EXPECTATIONS APPLY TO ALL MUSEUM VISITORS. PLEASE REVIEW THIS LIST WITH ALL MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP BEFORE VISITING.

1. Students should always be supervised by an adult chaperone from your group.
2. NO RUNNING OR SHOUTING.
3. During tours, please silence cell phones.
4. No flash photography inside the New Spain Art Hall or the International Hall.
5. Please do not touch any part of the dioramas, exhibits, sculptures or collections. Hand oils will damage the exhibits.
6. Do not lean, hang, swing on, or go under railings that protect the exhibits.
7. No food or drink allowed anywhere in the Museum, except for the Twigia Café. Please dispose of food items before entering the exhibit areas. Please note that the Twigia Café has vending machines for hot and cold drinks and snacks to be consumed in the café or outside.
8. Groups may bring in lunches, ice chests or coolers and use the Twigia Café and the outdoor deck just outside the café to eat.
9. Strollers are welcome both on the grounds and in the International Hall but are not recommended inside the New Spain Art Hall.
10. The Museum complies with all Federal and State laws concerning official service animals. Emotional support and companion animals are allowed outside, if they are on a leash.
11. Please leave large bags and backpacks on the bus, or with the staff at the front desk.

ADDENDUM

Title 1 School Information Needed for Special Rate

(Please copy and submit this on your school's letterhead.)

Note: If your district has multiple campuses that qualify, please send us a separate list of all such schools and their percentages so that our teachers can plan the field trip without hassle.

Dear Bandera Natural History and Art Museum,

Our school _____ (Campus or I.S.D. name) is currently recognized and funded by federal Title 1 statute and we want to be so classified to obtain the extra-discounted \$2 student rate as described in the information packet for the _____--_____ school year.

Following are the specific percentage rates per overall and specific grade level:

| <u>Grade Level</u> | <u>Title 1 (%) Percentage</u> |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|
| Pre-K and Elementary | _____ |
| Middle School | _____ |
| High School | _____ |

I understand that a check, credit card or EFT will accompany this form in the amount of \$_____ for the _____ group on _____ (date).

Respectfully,

(Signature) Date _____

(Printed Name & Title)