

# Tulare County Museum

## Chaperone Expectations

\*Please make sure that each teacher and chaperone with your school group understands and has a copy of these requirements.

The Tulare County Museum provides students with many opportunities to learn about the history of Tulare County. In order to provide an enjoyable and educational experience for all students, we ask that visiting teachers and chaperones understand and agree to the rules and expectations of the Tulare County Museum.

We appreciate your willingness to serve as chaperone. Here is some information to help you understand your roles as a chaperone:

### CHAPERONES WILL:

- Act as positive role models for the students (stay with the group, leave personal items on the bus, don't talk on cellphone, etc.)
- Be attentive and respectful to all speakers. Model the behavior that you expect from your students. Please do not talk or use a cellphone when a docent is giving a presentation.
- Chaperones **MUST** be attentive to and monitor behavior of students at all times. Please do not pair off and chat with other chaperones. Museum rules require that student groups are well supervised at all times.
- Take responsibility for enforcing Tulare County Museum rules listed at the end of the document.
- Students may be split into smaller groups when doing the scavenger hunt. Please make sure that at least one chaperone goes with each group of students. Students may not roam freely unsupervised.
- Theatre etiquette requires that teachers and chaperones may not leave to use cellphones or conduct personal business unless there is an emergency. Should you choose to leave, you will not be able to return during the film.
- Have a great time!

### CHAPERONES WILL NOT:

- Solely rely on docents to discipline students and enforce rules.
- Engage in conversations or behavior that will distract from the tour and museum visit.

### QUALITIES OF A GOOD CHAPERONE:

- ✓ Confident and a strong presence
- ✓ Able to enforce rules with children
- ✓ Well-mannered and polite
- ✓ Has a helpful attitude

### MUSEUM RULES:

1. Students must be with an adult at ALL times during their museum visit.
2. No running on museum grounds.
3. Out of respect for other visitors please use "inside voices" at all times.
4. The only three items visitors are allowed to touch are the mortars and pestles (gently), the button to start the train, and the stamps at the basket stamp station.