

Field Trip Guidelines

Eagle's Nest Christian Home Educators Association

We have a wonderful, friendly home school group filled with people who love the Lord and each other. We represent Christ, and in so doing, we must always strive to teach our children to behave in a manner that honors the Lord. Our reputation as home educators and as Christians is very important. With this in mind, the Board of Directors has adopted the following guidelines for all Eagle's Nest functions:

1. To attend an Eagle's Nest social function, small group meeting or field trip, a person must be a member in good standing of Eagle's Nest. Field trips are for Eagle's Nest members and their immediate families ONLY. This includes Mother, Father, Children and Grandparents. You may invite a friend ONLY if the host of the fieldtrip has stated such in advance.
2. When attending field trips, please make sure that you and your children are dressed in a modest, conservative and neat manner. Remember that we may be the only contact that some people have with home educators. Let's leave them with a good impression.
3. Being on time is EXTREMELY important; it shows that we respect the tour guide and it is just good manners. Promptness also leaves a good impression.
4. In order to prevent any problems in the area of discipline, please respect the following guidelines:
 - a. A parent or another adult must accompany all children. A child may be accompanied by an adult other than his/her parents with that adult having full responsibilities for that child.
 - b. Family units should tour together, making the most of teachable moments. Parents, please save fellowship with each other for afterwards --- talking moms present bad role models for their children and disrupt the field trip.
 - c. Children may not run inside the building or make noise disturbing to others
 - d. Children should show respect for property: no climbing on machinery, furniture, displays, etc.
5. In the event that disciplinary action is required, parents are expected to correct their children. If parents do not recognize and correct inappropriate behavior, the field trip leader should notify the parent that corrective action should be taken. In the cases where discipline is a consistent problem, that family may lose the privilege of attending the nest field trip(s). See section 8 of By Laws and Policies. PLEASE NOTE:

HSLDA attorneys advise, for your own protection, that discipline of your children should take place in a discreet manner.

6. Transportation arrangements are left up to the parent. Each parent should be aware of the possible accident, insurance and medical policies of each driver.
7. All risks involved in such trips are the liability of each individual participant.
8. Procedures to set up an Eagle's Nest Field Trip or Social Event: These are assigned Elementary, Middle School and High School Coordinators that set up all field trips and social events. Any suggested activities must go through that coordinator.
9. Last of all, we would recommend all children write thank-you notes after each field trips. For non-writers, a colored picture with a thank-you and the child's name is sufficient.

Remember, we only get one change to make a good first impression for our Lord and Eagle's Nest. Let us use these guidelines as an opportunity to renew our commitment to excellence in home education and to each other. "And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds." (Hebrews 10:24)