

Old Mission Santa Barbara Rules and Etiquette for School Groups

Children are the sole responsibility of teachers and chaperones while visiting Old Mission Santa Barbara, and must be closely monitored at all times to ensure that they do not stray from the tour or disturb other visitors. To ensure a rewarding and enjoyable experience for all, please review the rules of etiquette below, and acknowledge your understanding and agreement by signing below.

1. Children under 16 years of age must be accompanied by an adult agreeing to bear responsibility for their conduct. Teachers and chaperones must stay with children at all times.
2. Children must observe appropriate etiquette and respect in the church and cemetery.
 - a. The Mission Church is a sacred space. We ask all who visit to help preserve the sanctity of the church by maintaining a quiet and peaceful atmosphere. No running, climbing on pews or loud voices are permitted.
 - b. The cemetery is a sacred burial ground – a peaceful and quiet resting place where families and friends can visit deceased loved ones. It is not a playground and should not be treated as such. That means no running, yelling, rolling around on the ground or playing on the monuments. If children violate this rule, your group will be notified by OMSB staff, and may be asked to leave (without refund) if the behavior continues.
3. For safety purposes, there may be no more than 15 children in self-guided groups. Teachers and group leaders must divide large groups prior to arrival and plan for the appropriate number of chaperones. Groups without sufficient adult supervision will not be admitted. The maximum group size for docent-led school tours

is 50 people at a time -- 45 children plus 6 chaperones for 3rd to 8th grade, 40 children plus 10 chaperones for K-2nd grade. Large groups will need to divide and take separate simultaneous tours.

4. No food or drinks are permitted on the tour route.
5. Backpacks are prohibited on tours or in the Serra Shop. Significant damage can occur to objects, walls and signage from backpacks or other objects that are carried on the back.
6. The exhibit cases in the museum are fragile. Please do not lean on or use the cases as writing surfaces.
7. On busy days, large groups may experience a wait time to enter.

As a representative of _____ School , I
acknowledge that I have read the rules of etiquette above and agree to
abide by them.

Name (please print)

Title

Signature

Date