



Takodah YMCA

Tour Guidelines

Educational Programs

Student & Family Expectations:

- Students will demonstrate Caring, Honesty, Respect and Responsibility
- Students are responsible for attending all student meetings and completing all meeting and service projects. Parents are required to attend final parent meeting before tour.
- We will allow for two excused absences from meetings.
- If student has to miss a meeting, they are responsible for notifying the Takodah YMCA and assigned group leader prior to missing any meetings and for any work missed at said meeting.
- A student will be immediately dismissed from the program at the parents expense if...
 - Student is found with alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or weapons of any kind.
 - Student exhibits dangerous behavior towards others.
 - Student leaves tour group without notifying or getting permission from a staff member through out the program.
 - Student is suspended from school or school has requested that the student not travel.

Electronics:

- The Takodah YMCA requires that all electronics, that are not solely a camera be left at home while traveling. We ask that parents collect their student's devices prior to leaving for tour.
- If a student would like to call home while on tour, they will be able to use a staff members phone at appropriate times and at the discretion of the tour director.
- In case of emergency you will be provided with contact information for when we are traveling.
- If a student is found on tour with an electronic device, that device will be confiscated and brought back to the YMCA office for the parents to pick up after the tour is over, when the Takodah YMCA office is open. For some schools possession of a phone on tour is grounds for a student being sent home and/or collected from tour at the parent's time and expense. You will be advised in the parent meeting if this is the case.

Dress Suggestions:

- Students will be provided with a particular article of clothing from the Takodah YMCA to be worn at all times while on tour. In the past those articles have been vests, jackets, t-shirts or sweatshirts, this changes from season to season.
- As we will be visiting some locations that require that we show respect & honor, we ask that students dress a bit nicer than they might typically for school. We request... No ripped denim, athletic wear, yoga pants, leggings, short skirts or shorts, big logos or crazy prints.
- Please wear layered clothing appropriate for the season while traveling.
- While not required, we ask that students wear sneakers or comfortable shoes, as we will be doing 17-20 miles of walking per day. Sandals that strap completely to the foot are okay, however no flip-flops.
- If a student has earned the opportunity to be part of any tour ceremony or special event you will be contacted with information on appropriate dress for this event.
- Any school or Takodah YMCA (including Camp Takodah) clothing no matter the design size is permitted.

We understand that every family is different and we ask that with our dress suggestions, parents and students use their best judgment. Please do not go out and buy a new wardrobe for tour. Do your best to help us provide your child the opportunity to look smart and respectfully dressed on tour.