



Information for Field Trips During Construction

Exciting additions are underway at the museum! The content of our programs remains unaffected during construction of our new American Journey gallery, but there are some important logistics to consider. **Please have all teachers review this page** so your field trip runs smoothly from start to finish.

- **Bus Unloading and Parking:** Buses will make a counter-clockwise loop in our new parking lot to reach the temporary Welcome Center location. After students de-board, buses will head back to the bus parking lot near the entrance.
- **Check-in:** When you arrive, everyone should remain on the bus until a museum representative meets your group. Then the lead teacher will check in at our temporary Welcome Center while students use the restrooms beside the Welcome Center.
 - **Please,** know in advance how many students and how many teachers/staff you have in total that day.
 - If your school collected money from **chaperones** in advance, you will also need to know the total number of chaperones. If you did not collect their payment, they'll pay separately as they arrive.
- **Gathering:** Your group will be assigned a location marked by colored flags near the Welcome Center. After you check in and use restrooms, everyone in your group must gather there. This is where you will begin your program.
- **Lunch:** Lunch locations **will be different** than in previous years. At this time, **we cannot guarantee a covered space for lunch.** Please be prepared to have students eat on buses in inclement weather. We will make every possible effort to communicate with you in advance about lunch plans.
 - When a museum representative first meets your group, you'll get details about lunch plans.
 - If possible, bring boxes, bins, and/or folding wagons to move lunches. Consider assigning several adults to help.
 - Thank you for your patience – we know this is inconvenient!

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- **Gift Shop:** The gift shop in our temporary Welcome Center can accommodate fewer than 10 people at a time. If your students plan to visit the gift shop, you will need more time than in the past.
 - Additionally, your lunch location may be distant from the gift shop. If your students plan to visit the gift shop, please let us know in advance so we can try to schedule your lunch in the best location for that.
 - Consider our gift bags! Place an order 1 week in advance and pick them up at the Welcome Center when you visit. There are options at five different price points; see photos here: www.frontiermuseum.org/gift-bags
- **Walking:** We're still an outdoor living history museum! Remind everyone to be prepared for walking on a variety of surfaces and for weather conditions in Staunton. Your program will run rain or shine. If it's raining more than a light drizzle, we have a rain plan, but visitors will still get wet in between stops!
- **Construction:** There may be times when construction work is noisy. If you have students with sensory sensitivities and wish to know more, please contact us. There may also be times when some pathways are re-routed. Thanks for your patience!

If you have questions about any aspect of your upcoming visit, please contact Angela Lehman, associate director of education, at angela.lehman@fcmv.virginia.gov or 540-332-7850.

We look forward to seeing you and your group at the museum!



Bus Parking

Bus Unloading

Temporary Welcome Center