Parents and Guardians,

Welcome the Home School Program!

We are proud of the large number of children we serve through our Home School programs. If you are a returning participant, welcome back! If you are new, welcome and thank you for providing us the opportunity to share the Tallahassee Museum Home School experience with your child.

This Parent Handbook is a reference for you and your child, and should answer the bulk of your questions. Your child’s safety is our top priority, so we ask that you review all rules, as well as the Discipline Policy with your child prior to arrival.

This year our home school programs are two hours in length and offer new exciting themes and engaging activities for your child. Home school programs will occur once per month per grade level, unless otherwise noted.

Again, welcome and we look forward to all of the memorable adventures ahead with your child!

-Tallahassee Museum Education Department

Registration Information
Registration is required for each class. A listing for this year’s schedule of Home School classes may be found at http://tallahasseemuseum.org/calendar/.

All classes will begin promptly at 10:00 am. All participants should be on time as not to miss out on any of the learning and fun! We suggest arriving at the Museum at least 5 minutes before the class start time.
Cost: $15 members / $17 nonmembers
Class time: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Sign-in/ Sign-out
Parents and guardians must sign their child in on the roster, and out on the roster for each class. This requires you to accompany your child into the Museum and to the location of his/her class group. Dropping off children at the Museum without checking-in is unacceptable, and will result in termination of registration without refund. Before class parents will check in with the admissions clerk to confirm the location of that day’s class and pay admission for any additional guests entering the museum. When dropping off your child be sure to confirm the pickup location with the home school teacher, this may change each class.
Weather
If there is thunder and lightning our first priority is to keep the children in a safe location. Museum policy does not allow outdoor activities in times of thunder. In case of inclement weather, outdoor lessons will take place indoors with adapted activities appropriate to that week’s lesson.

Possessions
We do not recommend that your child bring electronic devices or stuffed animals to these programs. If they do, they will be asked to keep them put away. The Museum holds no responsibility for any items that are lost or stolen.

Necessary Items to Bring
All participants are **required to wear closed-toed shoes**. Note, items such as bug spray and a water bottle are also encouraged to ensure the comfort of your child.

K-12TH GRADE DISCIPLINARY POLICY
It is our intention to provide your child with a safe and secure environment. We attempt to create a warm, comfortable, and fun atmosphere that will make your child look forward to attending our programs. In order to ensure the quality of this program and safety of the participants, each participant must follow program rules.

Program participants are encouraged to practice those social skills that allow them to resolve conflicts and meet their needs without the use of harmful or destructive behaviors. When disciplinary situations occur that require intervention, an adult provides the child with clear explanations as to why specific behavior is inappropriate. They then help him/her find alternative behavior that fits within the program guidelines of appropriate behavior. These guidelines revolve around concerns for the **safety of all members in our program**.

In the case of persistent or disruptive behavioral issues the Parent/Guardian will be contacted to pick up their child immediately.

*I have discussed the rules with my child and they understand what is expected from them during this program.*

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Child’s Name (Print) Child’s Signature

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Parent/Guardian Signature

Date __________________