MCDONALD OBSERVATORY STUDENT FIELD EXPERIENCE

Behavior Expectations

McDonald Observatory is a working scientific research center. In order to ensure that groups have a safe and enjoyable visit, we have outlined the behavior expectations for students and chaperones who visit the Observatory. All chaperones are expected to assist with group management and participation in the student field experience.

PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS:
1. Visitors should always follow instructions given by Observatory staff. Our goal is for groups to be safe and enjoy your visit.
2. Groups must maintain a minimum ratio of 1 adult chaperone per 10 students. Chaperones must remain with their students during the entire visit.
3. Visitors must stay on paved roads and paths at the Observatory. Running or rough play is not permitted.
4. Unless instructed by Observatory staff, visitors should never touch equipment. Groups will be responsible for any damage caused during a visit.
5. The use of flash photography, laser pointers, or flashlights during nighttime programs is prohibited.
6. In the case of an emergency, Observatory staff should be notified immediately.

Persistant behavior problems endanger students and detract from the learning experience. Program leaders and teacher(s) are responsible for resolving any behavior issues. If behavior problems continue, groups will be asked to leave without refund.

ADDITIONAL INFO:
- Students may purchase drinks/snacks in the Café in groups of 15 or fewer at a time, before or after your SFE has concluded. Adult supervision is required.
- Students may shop in the Gift Shop in groups of fewer than 15 at a time, before or after your SFE has concluded. Adult supervision is required.
- It is helpful to our staff if each member of the group is wearing a name tag throughout the visit.