

Thank you for choosing Kartchner Caverns for your school field trip!

**TEACHERS**

Please take time to teach your class about the amazing underground world they will be seeing soon. Studying about caves and formations prior to your visit will greatly enhance the students’ overall experience.

On the Kartchner Caverns webpage, click the category at the top “EXPLORE”/ “FOR KIDS”. There are 3 downloads available:

1. Scavenger Hunt
2. Kartchner Caverns Curriculum
3. Activity Sheet

*The Jr. Ranger program is not available to school groups at the present time.*

**TOP FIVE EXPECTATIONS**

1. CELL PHONES ARE NOT ALLOWED ON TOURS
2. INSIDE VOICES
3. NO CLIMBING ON THE WALLS
4. ASSIGNED GROUPS
5. NO TOUCH RULE ON TOURS

**UPON ARRIVAL**

The trip to the caverns should be a memorable, educational, and very amazing time. Thank you for your help in accomplishing that.

Before the school goes inside the building:

* The leader of the group needs to meet with a ranger/staff at the front desk
* Once briefed, you will need to organize and prepare the chaperones and students before entering

If the kids aren’t already in groups, assign them groups.

**PROHIBITED ITEMS ON CAVE TOURS**

Absolutely no:

* cell phones, cameras
* purses, packs, backpacks
* flashlights, binoculars
* bottled water, candy, gum, etc..
* strollers

*Wheelchairs are available. Inquire at front desk.*

**CHAPERONES AND PARENTS**

Even though you are on a school field trip and we want you to have a wonderful time, chaperones and parents still have a job to do, which begins when you step off the bus.

**All students must be accompanied by an attentive adult at all times.**

There should never be any unattended children. Chaperones are responsible for the behavior of each student in their group. Safety is our main concern. Thank you for keeping the kids safe.

The kids need your help in following the park rules, which include:

* Respect other guests that are not part of your school
* Use inside voices
* No running or climbing on the walls

*Adults should lead by example and not have a cell phone anywhere on tour, not even in a pocket!*

**GROUP LOCKERS ARE AVAILABLE**

A group leader should inquire at the front desk for the combination. Regular lockers are also available for parents/ chaperones. One per group. There are approved medical packs available at the front desk for students with inhalers or medications.

**OTHER THINGS TO CONSIDER**

* Make sure chaperones and parents know what is expected of them prior to arriving.
* All students must be accompanied by an attentive adult at all times, including at the Gift Shop and Café.
* Group Ramadas are available to schools, call ahead to reserve.
* Tour Ratio: 4 adults and 16 students is optimal. There should never be less than 3 adults on a tour.

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