

BCA

Visits with Your Group to BCA Exhibitions: Tours



Welcome! We're looking forward to working with you and your group at BCA Center.

Whether you're coming from a school, camp, or community group, please share the following guidance with your staff/teachers/interns before your visit. These factors make a big difference for the fun and quality of your time with us.

BEFORE YOUR VISIT

We are educators tying your activities to our current exhibitions. While the BCA looks large from the outside, our gallery learning staff is limited, and other programs reserve spaces in this building for activities too. We plan staffing and space based on what we hear from you in advance. Please avoid making significant changes to your group at the last minute.

We aim to match content and activities to your group, so that everyone can learn and have a good time. For that, we rely on the information you send to us about your group, including age group, # of participants, any relevant mission/profile of your group, and # of accompanying adults/staff (if applicable).

Some exhibition content may not be appropriate for your group. We're happy to be selective about the focal points for your tour.

We have a limited number of sensory toys available. Let us know if you have specific participants who would benefit from those. We're also interested in seeing how much demand there is for the sensory toys over the next year—feel free to share your thoughts.

DURING YOUR VISIT

We've noticed that when staff/teachers/interns model their own participation in the tour and art-making activities, their students display more fun and focus throughout the visit.

Please introduce your teachers/staffers/interns to us when you arrive. We deal with many diverse groups and will not automatically know who your go-to people are. We ask that the adults stay to accompany your participants.

We request that staff/teachers/interns not use cell phones during the tour or art-making activities. This habit leads to younger participants getting their own phones out, which puts an end to any high-quality experience.

A "fun and relaxed" atmosphere is perfect! But "fun and way too wild" is not good for our setting. If you have a large group, or an energetic group, please help to keep it calm.

If staff have to make a phone call, be aware that the building echoes. Loud conversations are audible from room to room and through the stairwell.

If your group arrives late, we may not be able to extend the time of your visit.

We look forward to working with you at BCA-Center soon. Feel free to write to me with concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

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