

# Museum Manners

The Virginia War Museum's guidelines towards an appreciable museum experience by all:

1. All tanks, trucks, cannons, machine guns, and other military material are not to be touched, unless specifically stated otherwise by museum staff! This includes climbing and sitting upon artifacts. This is as much for the visitor's safety as it is for the protection of the artifacts.
2. Students may bring their lunches into the museum with them if the buses leave the area. No eating is allowed anywhere in the museum without permission of the museum staff and then only in the event of inclement weather. The picnic areas around the museum in Huntington Park may be utilized when the weather is amiable.
3. Do not loiter around the Virginia War Museum Foundation Donation Box. If you wish to make a deposit, we would greatly appreciate it, however, too many children and adults have loitered around and played with the donation box in attempts to open the box while at the museum.
4. The Group Leader and chaperons are responsible for keeping the group together and maintaining proper behavior. The following things will not be tolerated: talking above a whisper - unless asking a question to an adult or tour guide; running; inconsiderate actions that may disrupt the experience of others in the group and/or other visitors in the museum; misuse of museum artifacts (including above statement #1); and disregarding museum staff, group leader's, teacher's, and chaperon's authorities.
5. The museum staff is not responsible for the behavior management over students while at the museum! That responsibility is still in the hands of the Group Leader and chaperons. If a museum staff member must intervene, the museum reserves the right to discontinue the program and dismiss the group from the museum. The issue of financial reimbursement will be taken up with the Educational Coordinator.