

What to Know Before You Go!



School Group Visitor's Guide

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Welcome to the Museum!

We are looking forward to your visit to the **Fresno Art Museum**! We want to make sure you have a great time, so we're sharing some tips and tricks on how you can become an expert museum goer.





Be an
Art Protector

Distance from artworks

Touching the artwork, pedestals, and plexiglass is prohibited. Art safety barriers are not to be violated. Please do not lean on our walls.

Keep at least an arm's length away (18 inches) from artwork on the walls and sculptures in the galleries. This is the best way to make sure we can continue borrowing all the amazing artwork from artists and other museums and protecting the artwork we own.

Be an Art Protector



Distance from Artworks

Be an Art Protector

Try it! Have a classmate pretend to be a sculpture by striking a pose and standing still. Other classmates can practice keeping their distance by staying an arm's length away (18 inches) while circling around “the sculpture.”



Food + Drinks + Gum

Keeping food, drinks, and gum outside the galleries is the best way for us to keep artworks safe from accidents. This includes water bottles.

Pro tip: Worried you'll get thirsty? Don't worry! A water fountain can be found near our restrooms, and you can keep a water bottle at the front desk or in the classroom.



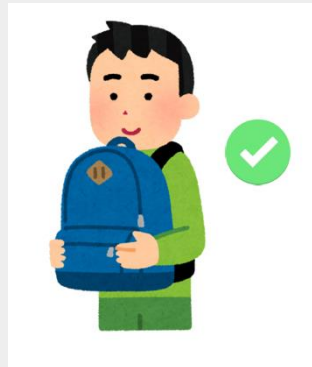
Be an art protector



Backpacks and Large Bags

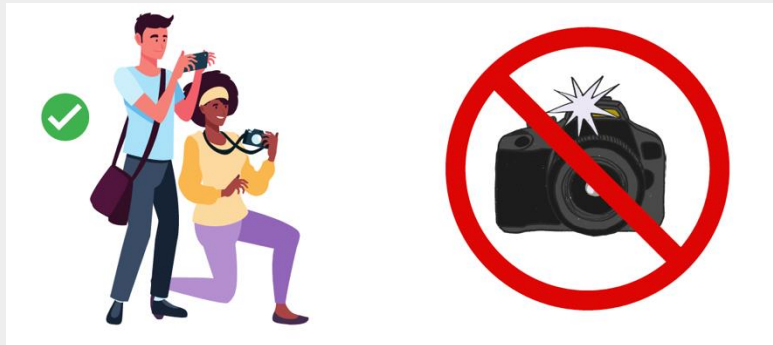
Be an Art
Protector

To avoid accidentally bumping into a painting or sculpture, please leave your backpack or large bags on the bus or safely hidden in the vehicle you came in. If you must have your backpack with you, you may check it in at the front desk. If you have to keep your bag with you for medical needs, please hold it to your side by the handle or wear it in front like a kangaroo mom. This applies to adults and children.



Taking Pictures

Taking pictures is a great way to remember an artwork you liked, but **make sure your flash is off before you snap a picture!**



Did you know?

Exposure to light speeds up the chemical reaction process that breaks down paint pigments. You'll notice that some of our galleries with older artwork or works on paper might be a bit darker than others. This is why!

**Keep
Yourself
and
Others
Safe**



Movement

Walking (not running) helps make sure you don't run into someone or something that may cause them or you harm. Walking allows you to enjoy artwork by slowing down and doing some close looking.



Keep Yourself and Others Safe



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Chaperones and Teachers

Don't wander off from your group.
Always know where your chaperones or
your teachers are located.

If you need to use our restroom, let your
chaperone or teacher know as you must
be accompanied by an adult. Always be
respectful. It is important for you to leave
our spaces the way you found them.



Noise Level

Keep Yourself and Others Safe

All visitors are sharing the museum spaces when they come visit. To be a kind visitor, be mindful of noise levels by **using library voices or a level one volume**, even when your class may be the only one in the Museum.





Know the Space

Fresno Art Museum

Wondering where you should enter the museum?



Know the Space



The side door to the right of our main doors is where school groups normally enter unless the Museum is open to the public. You can exit by the same door. If you gather in front, we will come out to invite you in when it is time for your tour.

Pose and take pictures if you arrive early.

Fresno Art Museum Map

Know the Space

★ FRONT DESK 🚪 DOORS R RESTROOMS WF WATER FOUNTAIN

Summer/Fall 2026 Exhibitions

- 1 HERALDING, Sixty-Five Plus Artists from the Collection of Forrest L. Merrill: A HandWork 2026 exhibitions
- 2 NowhereLand: Paintings by Marc Trujillo
- 3 From the Permanent Collection
- 4 Art of the Ancient Americas
- 5 Art of the Word: Christopher Denise and The Knight Owl
- 6 Dancing Through Time: Donna Sternberg, a Retrospective, 1970 to 2026, Council of 100 Distinguished Woman Artist for 2026
- 7 Sculpture Garden & Roots Mural
- 8 Museum Classroom
- 9 The Museum Store



Enter & exit here
unless THE main
glass doors in
front are open.

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Know more about what you'll see!

You can visit our website with your adult before your visit to the Museum to get a preview of our current exhibitions.

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Yes, We Have a Museum Store

While we would love to have you shop in our store during your visit, you must be accompanied by your parent or guardian. There is not really any extra time during your field trip to visit the store, and it is only open during public hours, Thursday to Sunday.

If you are just itching to spend your allowance in our store, you can [shop online](#) **the week before** your visit and have your adult make a purchase for you to pick up on the day of your tour. Or, better yet, you can come back and visit us with your adult to shop on another day.

Know the Space



Have Fun!



Art Making in Our Classroom

During your visit, you will have an opportunity to create your very own artwork in our classroom. Your artwork that will be returned to you at school, or maybe your teacher will display it in your classroom

This is always a fun activity. There is no right or wrong answer to this activity. You just get to show how creative you are by letting your imagination guide you.

Have Fun!

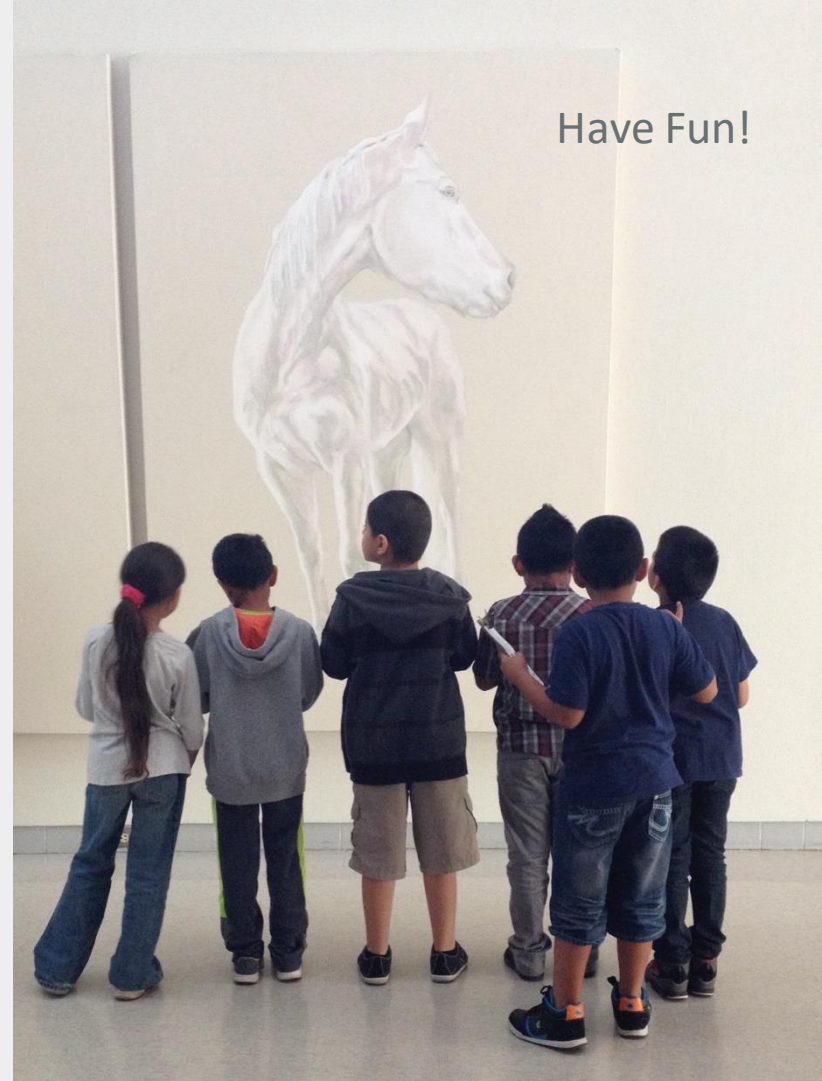


An Art Treasure Hunt in Our Galleries

Your class will have an opportunity to look for shapes, lines, and colors in one or more of our galleries. You will have a pencil, a treasure hunt list, and a small clipboard.

Remember: You cannot use our walls as a writing surface nor should you use your pencil or clipboard to point at the artwork. In fact, don't point at our artwork at all. It does not like it!

Have Fun!



Making Connections

With a Friend

- Look for an artwork in your favorite color!
How does the artwork and the color make you feel?
- If you could take any of our artworks home, what would you choose? Talk to a friend about your choice and theirs, too.

Don't forget to share your thoughts with a friend.

Have Fun!



Check out our resources that were particularly created for the *Any Given Child* Program but can be utilized by any elementary school teacher planning to visit. They can be found on our website by scanning the QR code. Utilizing these resources before and after your visit will help you make the most out of your field trip.

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Resources

If it's your **first** or
100th visit to an
ART MUSEUM we want
to make it **fun** and memorable...

What is a Museum?

A museum is a building that protects, preserves, and displays objects (artifacts) of interest or significance. The **objects** can be **artistic**, cultural, scientific, and/or **HISTORICAL**. A museum is a place you can go to **look**, explore, learn, and enjoy.



ART MUSEUMS are usually supported by members (you could be **one**), government and private grants, **sponsors** (people or **businesses** who **love** the arts), events, and renting the museum space to the **public** for things like parties or weddings.



**We hope you
have a great
visit!**

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