

# Freedom Express

## Museum Expectations & Rules

Museum expectations and rules exist in order to maintain the museum for years to come so that all future visitors are able to enjoy the exhibits. The main rationale behind any museum rule is *respect*—respect for staff, other visitors, and museum property. Please listen to the museum staff and help maintain the exhibits aboard the traveling museum by kindly abiding by the following rules:

1. **Be respectful to every person during your visit.** Our staff is present to assist visitors with questions and to provide a positive and enjoyable learning experience for all visitors. Please respect the museum staff by making sure you and any other visitors with you are behaving appropriately and listening to museum staff. Remember to respect other visitors on the traveling museum by not speaking loudly and allowing others to interact with the exhibits. During interactive group discussions, be respectful of the staff leading the discussion and to visitors contributing to the discussion.
2. **Only use your fingers on the touch screen monitors.** Using any objects other than your fingers (i.e. pencil) to touch the monitors could cause permanent damage thereby preventing future visitors from experiencing the exhibit.
3. **Be mindful of your surroundings.** Since space is limited on the traveling museum, be aware of your surroundings and the people around you to prevent harm to the exhibits and other visitors. Leaning on any of our exhibits or wall panels could damage the interior of the traveling museum.
4. **Stand only on the central floor area.** The two carpeted areas in which there are exhibits (A-C and I-J on the [Museum Map](#)) are part of the vehicle's "slide-outs" that extend when it is parked. In order to prevent damage to these extended slide-outs by added body weight, please remain on the central floor of the museum.
5. **Only bring pencils.** We ask that you only bring pencils with you when you come aboard the traveling museum. Ink from pens can damage our displays. School groups should leave books and bags in the classroom or outside the museum as there is no storage space for these items.
5. **Use a board for writing activities and note taking.** For writing activities lead by staff or individual note taking while onboard the Freedom Express, our traveling museum staff can provide you with a board to write on if you do not have a notebook to use. Using our walls as a support for your paper may damage the interior of the traveling museum as indicated in rule 3. When using this board, keep the board in your hands rather than placing the board on any surface of the traveling museum while you write.

**Please communicate these rules to all students prior to the scheduled visit date. Thank you for your cooperation!**

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