

# America's Stonehenge...Explore the Mysteries

## 2007 SCHOOL GROUP INFORMATION

### **FOR A QUICK CHECK IN:**

- Please have an accurate count of all students and adults.
- Check your confirmation letter for the cost of the program. Additional information including times of programs will be given upon arrival.
- Please pay with one payment for the entire group including extra adults. In case of overpayment, refunds will be mailed.
- If paying in cash, please collect money in advance.
- If splitting into groups, please have the groups divided ahead of time.

### **CHAPERONES:**

We require one chaperone for each group of 10 students. At America's Stonehenge, chaperones are the key to a successful tour. In order to encourage parents to participate we do not charge for chaperones with a group of 20 or more paid admissions. It is important that student's stay with chaperones at all times.

### **BAD WEATHER CANCELLATION:**

America's Stonehenge rarely closes due to bad weather conditions. If school has been cancelled due to weather conditions, or if you've decided that the weather would make your trip un-enjoyable, please call us before 8:30 a.m. at 603-893-8300 and leave a message on our answering machine. We do have a limited number of umbrellas for your group to use. Because of the high volume of school groups in the fall, we are unable to reserve rain dates. If you do need to cancel because of the weather, we will work with you to reschedule your trip.

### **FOOD:**

We have a limited snack bar consisting of candy, soda and trail mix. It is suggested that students bring a bagged lunch. We do have a picnic area where lunches may be eaten. If it is raining or too cold to eat outdoors, we do have an indoor area where lunches can be eaten.

### **GIFT SHOP:**

Our gift shop has a great selection of items appropriate for student budgets. Please ask chaperones to accompany students into our gift shop.

### **PAYMENT:**

Payment by cash, check or credit card is expected upon arrival. If you plan to pay by check, please make it payable to *America's Stonehenge*.

### **TOUR OPTIONS:**

**BOOM BOX TOUR:** Portable group audio tour using a "Boom Box". The chaperone will be in charge of the "Boom Box" which will be played out loud so that all students will be listening to the same material at the same time. This tour allows for group discussion of the material presented at each stop. This tour is available for all ages. The material covered may be too in depth for the youngest visitors. Takes roughly 1 ½ hours for the tour section of your visit.

**CHAPERONE GUIDED TOUR:** This tour is chaperone guided (self-guided). We will supply our tour guide map, which covers all stops on the tour. This map is meant to be either read aloud or independently by the group. This tour is available for all ages. Takes roughly 1 hour.

\*If you are not sure which tour is most appropriate for your group, please feel free to call us at 603-893-8300. It is also possible to mix tour styles to suit your students learning styles.

## **ARCHAEOLOGY DIG**

Kid's Archaeology Dig- Our non-sensitive Dig Pits are available for groups. Students will dig in a grid and use our archaeology tools to excavate various artifacts. An educational and fun hands on activity!

Some of the artifacts students may uncover: arrowheads, polished rocks, fossils, bones, charcoal, pottery, shells and more! Students are allowed to take home any polished stones, arrowheads and stone tools that they find. When students are finished digging, we will discuss the different artifacts that they've found and let them take a guess at the purpose of the artifact, the age, the culture that might have used it etc... Students spend approximately 45 minutes in the Dig Pit. **The Kid's Dig is only available for Preschool-Grade 7. A minimum of 20 paid admissions are required - No Exceptions.**

## **ALPACAS**

Our Alpacas are here for your enjoyment. Students can meet and learn about these fascinating animals.

## **ORIENTATION FILM**

Before touring the site, we have students watch a 10-minute informational video in our theater. This video helps students to better understand what they will be seeing on our site. We also have a 30-minute DVD version, which is available for loan to classrooms. If this is something you're interested in, please give us a call or e-mail us at least 2 weeks prior to your visit.

## **2007 Group Rates**

*\*The following group discount requires a minimum of 20 paid admissions. If your group arrives with less than the minimum required, you will be charged the appropriate admission rates.*

High School/Adult (Ages 13 and Up) \$7.50

Pre-school thru 8<sup>th</sup> Grade \$4.50 All chaperones are admitted free of charge with at least 20 paid admissions.

\*Please plan at least 3 hours for your visit. This will allow you to fit in all activities and not be rushed. This is especially important for large groups.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

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# Chaperone Letter

Dear Chaperone,

Thank you for volunteering to chaperone a field trip to America's Stonehenge. At America's Stonehenge chaperones are the key to a successful tour! To ensure that students get the most out of their field trip to America's Stonehenge, it is best to travel throughout the site in small groups.

When you arrive at America's Stonehenge, our staff will let group leaders know where your group will be going and what you will be doing for the remainder of the day. Please make sure you understand where you will be going and in what order so there is no confusion. If you have any questions or problems, please feel free to speak to either a staff member or one of the leaders from your school.

While at our site, we ask our visitors to follow a few simple guidelines. Please familiarize yourself with the guidelines and share them with your students.

- Students must stay with chaperones at all times. This includes high school aged students.
- Our site is open to the public. Please respect our other visitors and keep noise to a minimum.
- America's Stonehenge is 4000 years old. Many areas of the site are sensitive. Please make sure students stay only on marked trails and do not climb on any of the stone walls or chambers.
- The trails are uneven and rocky in some areas. To avoid any accidents, please make sure students do not run on the trails.
- It is your responsibility to make sure students are listening to the tour.
- Much of the museum is outdoors. Please dress for the weather and wear comfortable walking shoes.
- Unruly groups will be asked to leave the site.

We hope you enjoy your visit to America's Stonehenge! See you soon!

The Staff of America's Stonehenge