



Youth Programs - Student & Family Handbook 2026

Purpose

History Jackson Hole is committed to providing a safe, respectful, and engaging learning environment for all participants. The following expectations apply to all youth programs and are intended to support a positive experience for campers, families, staff, volunteers, and community partners.

Camp Expectations

All participants are expected to:

- Follow staff directions and program rules.
- Treat fellow campers, staff, volunteers, Museum visitors, and community partners with respect.
- Participate safely and to the best of their ability in all program activities.
- Demonstrate honesty, responsibility, and courtesy.
- Contribute positively to the program environment.
- Wear a seatbelt whenever one is available during program transportation.

While participating in programs within the Museum galleries or other public spaces, campers are expected to:

- Walk at all times.
- Use appropriate indoor voices.
- Respect Museum visitors, staff, and fellow participants.
- Handle only those objects or artifacts that staff have designated as appropriate for touch.

Program schedules also include designated times and locations for active play and outdoor recreation. Staff will clearly communicate when and where these activities are appropriate.

Personal Electronic Devices

To promote engagement in program activities and encourage positive social interaction, personal electronic devices, including cell phones and smart watches, should remain stored during program hours.

Campers may use personal devices at dismissal to communicate with parents or guardians regarding pick-up arrangements.

History Jackson Hole is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged personal property, including electronic devices.



Behavior Expectations and Support

History Jackson Hole is committed to supporting the success of every participant. When behavioral concerns arise, staff will work directly with the camper to redirect behavior, reinforce expectations, and encourage appropriate choices.

If inappropriate, unsafe, or disruptive behavior continues, staff will communicate with the camper's parent or guardian. Communication may occur at dismissal, at drop-off, or by telephone if immediate intervention is necessary.

Depending on the nature or severity of the behavior, a camper may be required to leave the program for the remainder of the day. Continued or serious behavioral concerns may result in dismissal from the remainder of the program at the discretion of History Jackson Hole.

Prohibited Conduct

The following behaviors are not permitted:

- Physical aggression or violence toward another person.
- Verbal aggression, including bullying, harassment, intimidation, or threatening language.
- Leaving the group or program area without staff permission.
- Intentional damage to Museum property, community facilities, equipment, or the property of others.
- Any behavior that compromises the safety or well-being of campers, staff, volunteers, Museum visitors, or members of the public.

Illness

To help maintain a healthy environment for all participants, campers who are ill should not attend History Jackson Hole youth programs.

If a camper becomes ill during the program day or exhibits symptoms that prevent them from participating safely or comfortably, History Jackson Hole reserves the right to contact a parent or guardian and require that the camper be picked up as soon as possible.

Parents and guardians are asked to keep campers home if they have a fever, vomiting, diarrhea, or another contagious illness. Campers should return only after they are fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and are well enough to participate fully in program activities.

Family Partnership

History Jackson Hole values open communication with families and encourages parents and guardians to contact staff with any questions or concerns regarding program expectations or participant needs.