

# Chaperone Information

## *Self-guided Visit*

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**Thank you for volunteering to assist your group's visit to the Seymour Center!** Being a chaperone is a great way to experience the Seymour Center and is an important responsibility. Your role as chaperone is essential to creating a positive experience for all.

1. Make sure you know your group's plan for the day including your role, times, and meeting places.
2. When you arrive at the Seymour Center, help to assemble students at the yellow kiosk by the public entrance doors to wait respectfully.
3. Your group is participating in a *Self-guided Visit* of the Seymour Center exhibits, whale skeleton, and Shipwreck Deck. This type of visit does NOT include a docent led tour today. Students will receive a coupon from their teacher, good for a return visit with a family member to join a tour of the marine mammal overlook. Please keep your group out of areas marked "Staff or Docent Led Areas Only."

**4. Remember that you are responsible for actively supervising and assisting your group members to ensure appropriate behavior at all times. This includes accompanying children at the seawater touch pool and actively assisting students to assure live animals are handled safely.**

Please read the following summary of Seymour Center rules so you can remind students if necessary. **If you have repeated difficulties with students, bring your group to the teacher or group leader to resolve the problem.**

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- Students need to be respectful, listen quietly, and follow the directions of all teachers and chaperones.
  - Students need to stay with their chaperones while in the Seymour Center and outdoors.
  - Students and chaperones need to be wearing nametags clearly visible at all times.
  - Long Marine Lab and the Seymour Center are research and education areas. Students are expected to be well behaved. No running, loud voices, or horseplaying inside or outside.
  - Chewing gum, eating, and drinking is not allowed indoors. Put all trash and crumbs in garbage cans.
  - Living animals need to be handled carefully, according to the instructions by the person in charge.
  - Walk only on walkways, not in the native plant gardens.
  - Please do not climb or pull on any portion of the blue or gray whale skeletons.
  - Use books or clipboards as writing surfaces. No writing against walls, windows, exhibits, or aquaria to prevent damage.
  - If you have a question, please ask one of the Seymour Center volunteers or staff wearing a blue shirt.
  - Students may enter the *Ocean Discovery Shop* only if the teacher or group leader has given permission. **Students must be accompanied by a supervising adult while in the gift shop (No more than six students in shop at one time, please).**

***Thank you for helping make your group's visit a success!***