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Dear Teachers and Educators,

We're thrilled to invite you to make the Northwoods Children's Museum your next field trip destination! Our museum is thoughtfully designed to inspire curiosity, creativity, and collaboration, offering children a hands-on, playful learning experience like no other in our area.

Why Choose Us for Your Next Field Trip?

- Affordable Fun: Enjoy a discounted rate of \$7 per student, making this an excellent budget-friendly outing.
- Inclusive Accessibility: Bus drivers and paraprofessionals supporting special needs students attend at no charge.
- Stress-Free Organization: Our celebration room is available for lunch, snacks, quiet breaks, and storing belongings, ensuring a smooth and organized visit.
- Flexible Scheduling: Schools with fewer than 25 students may share the museum with another group or opt to pay \$500 to be the only field trip during that time.
- Optional Shopping: Students can browse our gift shop for keepsakes, with an efficient system to manage purchases.
- Memorable Endings: Every visit concludes with a fun and engaging limbo game, sending students home with smiles and lasting memories.

How Does It Work?

Field trips revolve around unstructured play, allowing students to explore exhibits at their own pace. To enhance the educational experience, STEAM cards are available at each exhibit. To maintain safety and organization:

- A ratio of 1 adult per 4 children is required for supervision. Additional adults can attend for \$5 each.
- Visits begin with a brief (about ten minutes) orientation on our "red line" rules and guidelines to ensure a safe, enjoyable experience.
- Each group of 1 adult and 4 children can move through the museum at their own pace.
- Mid-visit lunch breaks in our celebration room help kids recharge and manage sensory overload.

• Field trips are scheduled between 10am and 3pm with a maximum stay of 3.5 hours.

FAQs

- How far in advance should I book my field trip?
 - The museum needs at least two weeks' notice for staffing, and scheduling is done on a first-come, first-served basis. If you have a specific date in mind, the sooner the better!
- How many students can we bring at one time?
 - The recommended maximum is 150 to ensure a quality visit.
- Do we really need a 1 to 4 ratio?
 - To ensure student safety and care of the museum, we do need a 1 adult to 4 children ratio. These can be staff, parent volunteers, grand-parent volunteers, etc.
- Can we change dates after our deposit is paid?
 - o If another date is available, yes.
- Some children were absent the day of the trip, can we get a refund for those students?
 - Yes, we will send a refund check in the mail. Refunds will not be given the day of.
- Can you invoice our school?
 - Yes, please let us know ahead of time and we will have an invoice ready for you that day or we can mail it. Please verify the correct address and person/department to send it to.

Ready to Book?

To secure your date, we require a \$25 deposit. This helps us manage bookings effectively and avoid last-minute cancellations.

We'd love to host your students and create an unforgettable day of exploration and learning! To book your field trip or if you have any questions, please contact us at 715-479-4623 or info@northwoodschildrensmuseum.com.

Thank you for your dedication to enriching your students' education. We look forward to welcoming you and your class to the museum soon!

Yours in education and play,

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