

SCIHE, INC. Field Trip Behavior & Conduct Expectations

The following is taken from SCIHE, INC. Policies handbook under Conduct Policies – Sections B. & C.

B. Field Trip Conduct Statement to which we all agree;

“We have to remember as homeschoolers and members of the body of Christ, that we are subject to close scrutiny from both the unsaved and the worldly. Activities should be fun and educational for all participants, but just as importantly, stand as a testimony of good training.”

c. The Ten Commandments of Support Group Activities: *(idea for P's and Q's from the Shome School Support Manual, Indiana Home School Educators Association)*

1. Preparation: Prepare your children and yourself for the activity. Discuss with your family things to observe, questions to ask, and expected dress and behavior.

2. Reservations: Make reservations on time with the activity coordinator. Field trips which require activities that cost money should be strictly adhered to. Anyone who calls or sends a form in after the due date will be put on a waiting list in case of a cancellation.

3. Cancellations: If you discover that you cannot attend an activity after you make a reservation, contact the coordinator immediately. Field trips and other activities often require a minimum number of participants and your cancellation may affect the activity for other families. You should still expect to pay any fees involved for the field trip or activity if you cancel past the cut off time.

4. Punctuality: Arrive at your meeting place no later than fifteen minutes prior to the start time.

5. Appearance: 1 Timothy 2:9, Titus 2 and 1 Peter 3 all touch on the importance of the meek and quiet spirit over the outward appearance to the lost people of the world. Families should strive to maintain a conservative appearance at all times and avoid wearing of apparel that would detract from our ability to witness to others.

Prohibited items include:

- a. Apparel with name brands of tobacco products or alcoholic beverages.
- b. Apparel that promotes secular or ungodly music
- c. Halter, tube, or spaghetti strap blouses on girls
- d. Exposed midriffs
- e. “short” shorts or mini skirts
- f. Gang style apparel such as excessively baggy pants, wearing baseball caps or visors backwards, and colored bandannas.

g. Use of tobacco products

6. Respect for others: Part of our witness is displayed in the way we treat others around us and in the way we treat their property and belongings.

Activity participants should:

- a. Hold doors for other adults, especially the elderly or disabled
- b. Yield the right of way to others when using stairs, doors, water fountains, etc.
- c. Not abuse or roughly handle building fixtures such as railing, door handles, or switches
- d. Not make a mess or litter; clean up after yourselves
- e. Keep conversation levels appropriate as to not disrupt other visitors

7. Parental involvement: Parents should stay with their own children

unless other arrangements have been made with another parent to supervise your children. Parents are responsible for enforcing good behavior, as well as ensuring the children have a safe and educational experience.

8. Student Behavior: All children should behave in a courteous and controlled manner at all times. The group leader will ask any child or parent who becomes disruptive, displays behavior and/or inappropriate behavior that will damage the Christian witness of the group to leave the activity. Children should have the ability to display the following behaviors:

- a. Follow directions from the person in charge
- b. Walk in a single file line when necessary
- c. Remain silent for short periods of time
- d. Raise hands to ask or answer questions
- e. Courteous behavior towards activity guide and other adults encountered at all times

9. Liability: Parents are responsible for the supervision of their own children at all times. *SCIHE, Inc. assumes no liability for accidents or injuries including during a field trip or activity.*

10. Gratitude: Group members should express gratitude towards leaders and trip guides at the end of a trip or activity. Thank you notes or other means of expressions are always appropriate.

Failure to comply will result in being asked to refrain from future participation. Event organizers and members of the leadership council shall have the authority to deal with conduct problems including verbal reprimands and requesting the offending individuals be removed from the activity. If conduct problems continue to be an issue when the family has been approached by the council more than twice with an attempt to reach a solution, the council shall have the authority to remove the family from SCIHE, Inc. activities that are deemed necessary. SCIHE, Inc. will give the removed family a prorated refund on the yearly membership fee.

Upon reading and agreeing to the above statements regarding behavior and conduct for all SCIHE, Inc. activities, please initial the appropriate line on the membership application form.