

Mackinac Island: Information & Expectations

What **time** do we leave and get home from this trip?

→ Departure on Thursday, May 24, 2018

- ◆ You need to arrive at Cityside by 6:00 am on Thursday. Buses leave at 6:15 am sharp. Schedules are tight. We cannot wait for you. Our next stop is in Cadillac at a rest stop.
- ◆ Please do NOT park for drop-off on Main Avenue in front of the school. The buses need to park there.
- ◆ You MUST see your chaperone before you are allowed to load your luggage or board the bus. S/He will collect your medications (if any) and will have a zip tie for your luggage (depending on your hotel).

→ Arrival on Friday, May 25, 2018

- ◆ We plan to arrive home between 6:00-6:30 pm.
- ◆ If it is needed, you will be allowed to use the phone of a chaperone to let your parents know we will be early.

What are the overall **behavior expectations** for this trip?

- Do not make a problem for yourself or anyone else! Anyone who makes a problem will earn a consequence. Anyone who damages anything will pay the replacement costs, along with earning a consequence.
- School policies will be followed at all times. This includes the display of “fake” cigarettes, knives, guns, lighters, etc. that can be purchased at local stores. This includes the dress code policies.
- Be responsible and respectful at all times! Use common sense!
- Never go anywhere alone. Use the buddy system.
- Cell phones and large electronics are NOT allowed on the trip. It’s school policy. Leave them home. This includes all cell phones.
- Students need to see their chaperone for prescription medications as needed. More INFO on this in May.

What are some specific behavior expectations for the **bus ride**?

- Teachers reserve the right to assign seats to specific students, if needed.
- Bring snacks! Bring drinks with twist-on caps! Put your lunch in your carry-on bag!

What are some specific behavior expectations for the **hotels**?

- Please respect the hotel and its employees and other guests.
- The elevators in the hotels are off-limits. (Exceptions for injuries may apply.)
- There will be no girls in boys’ rooms or on boys’ floors or vice versa--EVER!
- Students must be at their assigned hotel by 9:00 pm.
- Students must be on their assigned floor by 10:00 pm.
- LIGHTS OUT at 11:00 pm!

What are some specific behavior expectations for the **bike ride**?

- If you/your parents wish for you to wear a helmet for the bike ride, you must take one along!
- You must stay on the designated trail. You may NOT wander on your bikes. (It’s eight miles around the island.)
- You must stop at the assigned check points! (Your chaperones need to rest.)
- You must stay in the right-hand lane. (It’s just like driving a car.)
- You must be careful of other bikers. No weaving or cutting anyone off! (GOAL: NO ONE WILL GET HURT!)
- You must be respectful of the horses that use the same roads! (HORSES POOP—GET OVER IT!)
- If you are unable to ride a bike for physical reasons, let Ms. Barens know ASAP. Otherwise, everyone will bike.

What are some specific behavior expectations for the **tours**?

- Listen to the driver/speakers!
- Be respectful of the employees/horses/equipment!
- Stay with your assigned group.

What does the **schedule** include?

- Arrival in Mackinac City around 11 am on Thursday. (Cross Mackinac Bridge. Ride Starline Ferry to Mackinac Island.)
- Activities on island (biking/carriage riding/fort exploring/shopping) on Thursday afternoon.
- Dinner at Murray Hotel with Group Picture at Marquette Park to follow.
- Choice Activities (hiking/Geocaching/playing/shopping) on Thursday evening.
- Breakfast at Murray Hotel.
- Activities on island (biking/carriage riding/fort exploring/shopping) on Friday morning.
- Lunch at Murray Hotel.
- Departure via Starline Ferry to Mackinaw City.