



School Group FAQs

Booking your group visit

What is a group size?

To qualify as a group, you need a minimum of 10 people. We can accommodate larger groups, but you may be asked to split into two dates. To register as a group, you will need 1 chaperone to every 8 students.

How do I book a group visit?

Please book your group visit online at <https://bit.ly/KPMReserve>. If you have any specific questions prior to your visit, please contact our Education Services Coordinator at 262-653-4433.

How much are your programs?

Depending on the type of program you book, the price varies. For guided tours and programs the cost is \$6/person, with special pricing available for KUSD schools.

How do I find what programs you offer?

Please visit our education website for each museum. The school programs will be listed there with information including program goals and state standards.

When is payment due for our visit?

Payment is due 2 weeks before your trip. We accept credit cards, cash or checks made out to the Kenosha Public Museum.

Can I get a refund if not everyone shows up for our visit?

You can change the number of people in your group up to 72 hours before your visit and receive a refund. Refunds will not be granted for changes made less than 72 hours before your visit.

What do I do if my group/group members need special accommodations?

Please let us know if you have any special accommodations or needs prior to your visit. We will make every effort to ensure the trip is successful for everyone who visits. The Civil War Museum tours feature a viewing of a 360 degree film entitled Seeing the Elephant. The ten minute film utilizes strobe lights, lighting changes, and loud noises to depict a Civil War battle. Please let us know before the movie if you have a student that is unable to see the movie and we can make accommodations and offer an alternative activity.

Kenosha Public Museum New Programming

Kenosha Public Museum has new programming? What is it?

The KPM is introducing new programming in the 2017-2018 school year. Field Trips at KPM now include an hour long Learning Lab and 1 Museum Experience with Class Discovery time to make up your visit. The best part is you get to choose what Learning Lab and Museum Experiences best fit your students. Even better, they are the same price as past offerings, \$6/student, \$4/KUSD students.

What's a Learning Lab?

Learning Labs are one hour, focused field trip activities that take place in both the Kenosha Public Museum exhibits and classrooms. All of the Learning Labs focus on problem-based learning and help develop critical thinking skills, covering topics in natural science and social studies. Every program aligns to Wisconsin, Illinois, Common Core and National Academic Standards. Each teacher will pick one Learning Lab, which lasts approximately an hour.

What is a Museum Experience?

These experiences last 20-30 minutes and take place in different locations around the museum. These are excellent additions to any Learning Lab to round out your group's museum experience. Remember, two museum experiences are included with every Learning Lab.

How much do each cost?

One Learning Lab and 1 Museum Experience and Class Discovery time are included in your field trip pricing. For just \$6/student, \$4/KUSD student you get three programs for a total of two hours of learning. There is one exception, Owl Pellets have a \$2/student supply fee.

Lunches

Can we buy lunch at the museum?

We do not have a cafe onsite. The Museums are located near downtown Kenosha with offsite dining options. Visit www.downtownkenosha.org or www.visitkenosha.com for dining options.

Can we bring our lunches?

If you plan on having lunch at the Museum, please bring your lunches in a bin or tote labeled with your group name. Upon arriving at the Museum you will be able to store your lunches.

Where will we eat?

School groups usually eat in our classroom areas. We try our best to give an indoor option to groups, but sometimes we cannot accommodate during the summer months. We do have picnic tables outside.

Can we take food into the exhibits?

Food is not permitted in our exhibits. To make sure our artifacts and exhibits stay clean and pest free, food must stay in designated the eating area.

Arriving at the Museum

Where do I go when we arrive?

The Civil War Museum is located at 5400 1st Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Please have your bus pull in the loading cutout in front of the building to unload your group. A staff member will greet your group at the door and give you instructions.

The Kenosha Public Museum is located at 5500 1st Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Please have your bus pull in the loading cutout in front of the building to unload your group. A staff member will greet your group at the door and give you instructions.

The Dinosaur Discovery Museum is located at 5608 Tenth Avenue, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Please have your bus pull up in front of the building to unload your group. Please be aware that 10th Avenue is a one way street, running south to north. A staff member will greet your group at the door and give you instructions.

What do we do after we get off the bus?

A staff member will greet you and take you to the orientation space. At this time lunches will be dropped off and stored. At orientation, the staff will walk through the rules and expectations for your group, your schedule and a brief introduction about what your group will focus on during your trip.

What if I need a handicapped entrance for the Dinosaur Discovery Museum?

The DDM has a handicapped entrance in the rear of the building.

What if my group is running late?

If your group is running late, please call the museum and let us know. If you can adjust your exit time, that would be ideal, if not the staff can work with you to try and get the most out of your visit.

The closed sign is up at the Museum when we arrive, can we still enter?

Yes! The museums can open early for groups.

During your visit

Can my group visit the gift shop?

If you intend to go to the gift shop, please try to let us know when you book your trip. We do ask that we limit the students in the shop due to size. An adult must stay with the group in the shop.

Where do we go for the streetcar if we have scheduled a ride?

Staff will show you to the stops. They are located outside each museum, and have a small sign designating them as a stop. Please make sure to be outside before your scheduled time.