

## Teacher Orientation Packet

Thank you very much for your work in education. We value you and we're glad you're here! Learning at Conner Prairie is unique and personal. We encourage teachers and chaperones to:

- Encourage students to take the lead and make space for curiosity and wonder
- Invite and allow students to ask and answer questions of themselves, each other, and Conner Prairie staff
- Ask students open-ended questions to encourage creative and critical thinking
- Remember to enjoy yourself - this day is also for you!

### School Name Tags Required

All adults and students are required to wear a school name tag with the school's name and teacher name on it. (Student names are not required). It will expedite check-in if everyone is wearing their school's name tag when you arrive at Conner Prairie.

### What to Wear

Conner Prairie operates in all kinds of weather, so everyone should dress accordingly. Comfortable shoes are important. We recommend dressing in layers. Remember sun protection - bring sunscreen and hats. At Conner Prairie, we try to greet each day with the idea that there is no such thing as bad weather!

### Accessibility

Conner Prairie strives to provide a rich and meaningful experience for guests of all abilities. If anyone in your group would benefit from a specific accommodation, please contact Guest Services for assistance at 317-776-6000.

### Safety

- If there is a first aid need or a lost child, notify any Conner Prairie staff person.
- In the event of a severe weather warning, staff will advise our guests where to seek shelter, which could include returning to your bus.
- Conner Prairie strives to interpret our shared history and human experience in a safe and welcoming environment. We will NOT tolerate racist, sexist or homophobic comments, vandalism, physical contact, or harassment of any kind.

### Photography

Still or video photography is welcomed at Conner Prairie for personal, non-commercial use only. No tripods, please. **During your visit, you may be photographed for promotional purposes by Conner Prairie staff. If you, or anyone in your group, does not wish to be photographed, please request a special sticker during check-in or at Guest Services in the Welcome Center.**

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## **Academic Standards**

Throughout your visit, you will have opportunities to engage with people and spaces connected to academic standards. It is our hope that guests learn far more during their visit than we could ever prescribe for them prior to meeting them, knowing their interests, or hearing their stories.

## **Arrival**

After turning into the Conner Prairie entrance, make the first right and drive to the School Tour Check-in location marked by a yellow School Tour banner. Please have students remain on the bus until a Conner Prairie staff member greets you. Staff will provide your bus driver with instructions regarding where to park. Bus drivers are welcome to enter free of charge.

## **For More Information**

If you have any questions about your visit, please do not hesitate to contact us at 317.776.6000 or visit our website, [www.connerprairie.org](http://www.connerprairie.org).