

The Troy Historic Village makes every effort to be as accessible as possible for all of our visitors. There are, however, areas in our facility that some guests may find challenging. Most of these can be overcome with advance notice and a bit of preparation. It is our goal to make your trip enjoyable and accessible for everyone and we are happy to make accommodations whenever possible.

For your convenience, we have highlighted a few areas that may affect a student's ability to fully enjoy a student's ability to enjoy a field trip.

If you have concerns about any of the following, please to contact us to discuss how we can best accommodate your students. Email us at ypd@thvmail.org or call at 248-524-3570.

Physical Accessibility:

- Some of our buildings have thresholds that can be difficult for wheelchairs. We find that backing the wheelchair in works well. Buildings include: Log Cabin, Print Shop, Wagon/Blacksmith Shop.
- Some of our buildings are small or have tight spaces that may be difficult to get a wheelchair through.
 - The Print Shop is a small space which may be difficult to get a wheelchair *and* a large class into. Accommodations are possible on a group by group basis.
 - The School has narrow aisles between the desks that wheelchairs do not fit through; students in wheelchairs can occupy a space in the front of the classroom.

Visual Accessibility:

Students with vision impairments can be provided a unique tactile experience with advanced notice. A collection of touchable objects can be pulled for those students that relate to the program.

Smells:

- Some of our buildings and programs have strong scents to be aware of.
 - The Log Cabin has a strong smoky scent. This is especially true when there is a fire burning, which is usually the case during programs.
 - The Candles program features hot beeswax which has a strong scent.
 - When the Blacksmith Shop is active the Village smells of sulphur. This is rarely the case during a fieldtrip.

Sounds:

- Some of our programs are noisy.
 - The Tin Punch program can be very loud when students are hammering. If a student is sensitive to loud noises, we can provide a quieter space for them to work.
 - The School can be loud when the teacher raises their voice or bangs their stick on the floor or desk.
 - Please let us know if you have a student who is sensitive to loud noises so that we can reduce these sounds.

Anxiety:

- Some of our programs can make a student anxious. Warning those students will help to calm anxiety.
 - The Candles program includes dipping candles in hot wax. Some students become nervous when they feel the heat near their hands. We will take the time to explain the process and safety reminders. Warning students about this usually prevents this problem.
 - The School program features Mr. Norton or Miss Post who teach in the style of the 1800s. They may be strict, raise their voice, or bang their stick on the desk or floor, and will “punish” students in a period manner. Students may find this intimidating or upsetting. Please let us know if we should NOT single out a particular student.
 - The Cabin program typically features a fire in the fire place. Fire is safe and fire extinguisher is close by. Seats are available in the back for students who feel anxious about the fire.
 - The Print Shop is small building and could cause anxiety for students who are sensitive to tight spaces. The building does feature a covered porch if a student needs to step away for a moment.

Allergens:

- Some of our buildings and programs have elements that may trigger certain allergies.
 - The Cabin program usually features a fire in the fireplace which produces smoke. The fire can be omitted if needed.
 - The Cabin program can include making and eating butter on a cracker. Ingredients in these items may include potential allergens, such as gluten, dairy and eggs. This portion is optional.
 - The Candles program features beeswax. Gloves can be provided with notice.
 - Many of our programs are in buildings that are also used as lunch spaces. If a student has severe food allergies, we can deep clean the building with advance notice to reduce the risk. Alternate lunch spaces can also be provided for a few students if necessary.
 - Please be aware that some portions of our programs are outdoors, especially in the spring and fall. This can expose students to common outdoor allergens like dust, pollen, grass, etc.