

Important Information About Your Visit

Thank you for choosing to bring your students to the Dyckman Farmhouse Museum! Please bring this with you on the day of your visit to ensure you have all the information you need.

The museum educator will meet you and your class at the gate on the corner of 204th and Broadway at your scheduled arrival time. You will be led to the front or back porch of the farmhouse, where the educator will review the rules.

Any lunch bags, water bottles, umbrellas, large backpacks, etc. will be stored on the front or back porch during the tour.

***Please be on time** We ask that all groups arrive promptly and ready to begin at the scheduled time. If you are going to be late please contact the farmhouse. A late arrival or delayed start due to snacks will result in a shortened tour or rescheduling in order to avoid a conflict with our public hours or other scheduled tours.

Subway

A train to 207th Street. Exit the train at 207th and Broadway. Walk south one block to the corner of 204th and Broadway.

1 train to 207th street. Walk 3 blocks east on 207th to Broadway. Turn left on Broadway and walk south one block to 204th and Broadway.

Parking

There is no parking available for buses.

Contact Information

Emily Holloway, Education Director
212.304.9422

Please call if you are going to be late or if you have trouble finding the Farmhouse.

CHECKLIST BEFORE YOU VISIT

_____ **Did you bring payment for the balance due on the day of your trip?**

The entire balance is due on the day of the trip. This amount is listed on your invoice.

_____ **Is your class smaller than 30 students?**

The farmhouse cannot accommodate a class with more than 30 students, no exceptions. If your class has more than 30 students, be prepared to reschedule.

_____ **Are you running late or need to cancel? Call 212.304.9422**

A late arrival may result in a shortened or cancelled tour.

_____ **Do you have enough chaperones? (1 adult per 10 children)**

Inadequate adult coverage could result in an early end to your visit. Please review the information on the following page with your chaperones.

_____ **Did you get permission to eat lunch in our garden?**

We do not have indoor lunch facilities, so if it is raining you will need to make other plans for lunch.

DURING YOUR VISIT

Small-Group Learning

At certain points during each tour classes will be broken into smaller groups for cooperative learning exercises. While this method allows for a closer look at the farmhouse or the artifacts (based on the tour your class chose) it also places more responsibility on the students and the chaperones to ensure that the rules of the house are obeyed.

A Note to Chaperones and Teachers

The Farmhouse is small. Therefore any unnecessary noise is a distraction. Please arrive and depart with the group to avoid opening and closing the door once the program has started, and avoid cell phone use in the farmhouse.

Expected Behavior in the Farmhouse and Garden

Learning to be a good museum visitor is as much a part of this field trip as learning about the history of the Dyckman Farmhouse and the people who lived here. These guidelines are intended to bring out the best museum visitor in everyone, students and adults alike.

Please respect this historic house and its visitors:

- No food, drinks, gum or candy in the farmhouse.
- While touring the house, please do not lean on or bump into the walls.
- Do not lean on the room gates.
- Do not touch any light switches or artifacts.
- Tread lightly on our floors and stairways. They are the only ones we've got!
- Absolutely no running or horseplay in the house.
- Talk quietly. The house is not very big, and sound travels. Loud voices may make it difficult for others to hear and learn.
- Follow the directions of the tour guide.
- Cell Phone use is prohibited in the Farmhouse.
- Everything needed for the visit will be provided. We ask that students keep **ALL** belongings in their bags. Items such as video games, cell phones, notebooks, pens, markers, food and drink are **NOT** to be used during the visit.

Please respect our garden:

- Stay on the brick paths.
- Please do not pick or disturb any plants, flowers or leaves.
- Please do not disturb the animals that live in or visit our park.
- Do not climb on trees or buildings in the park.
- If you have received permission to eat in our garden after your visit please ensure that **all** trash is placed in the trash can.
- If your visit overlaps with our public hours, please be respectful of other visitors who may be enjoying the park.