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FOR LAKE CHAMPLAIN
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Group Expectations and Support

Welcome!

Thanks for helping to support your group's visit to ECHO! As a chaperone, you are responsible for a group of students/children working alongside ECHO staff and volunteers to help make your trip as successful as possible. Thanks for reading the bullets below to help your group appropriately explore exhibits and take advantage of programs.

Chaperone Expectations:

- ECHO's front desk staff is on hand for emergencies, first aid, lost and found, lost child, announcements and as a meeting location.
- We will work with your leader to coordinate logistics including program times, lunch time and location, and departure time.
- Please refrain from eating and drinking except in the ECHO's Think! Café or in the space designated by the Guest Services staff for lunchtime. Outside picnicking on ECHO's deck and on the waterfront is encouraged.
- Know your students' names or use name tags and keep them within eye sight at all times.
- Manage the behavior of your group. Behavior that is not acceptable at schools and community centers is not acceptable at ECHO.
- There are many areas where students can physically interact with the exhibits but please refrain from running, climbing or knocking on the tanks.
- Facilitate learning by encouraging students/children to ask questions and think on their own.
- Look for staff and volunteers wearing ECHO shirts or blue aprons to help answer questions.
- *Discovery Place* is for preschool children and younger (48" or shorter) and their adult helpers.
- Visit the *Lake Champlain Basin Program Resource Room* - an ideal location for focused investigations about the region. This space has great volunteers ready to assist you in locating educational videos, maps, pamphlets, computer research links, games, preschool activities, family book nook and more live animals!

ECHO's mission is to educate and delight people about the ecology, culture, history and opportunities for stewardship of the Lake Champlain Basin. We hope that your visit stimulates learning and exploration to help us achieve this mission and inspires each of us to become active stewards of the Basin.