

Field trips to the American Quarter Horse Hall of Fame & Museum



Field Trip Breakdown

Pre-Kindergarten through Twelfth grade students are greeted in the Grand Hall and answer questions about the American Quarter Horse. After this Q & A session, they watch a ten minute movie covering the basics of the Quarter Horse.

Following the movie, students embark on grade-appropriate activities that focus on learning about the American Quarter Horse. Pre-Kindergarten through first grade students encounter the Timeline Exhibits through a mop pony trail ride, while second through twelfth grade students complete a scavenger hunt.

A typical mop pony trail ride will introduce Pre-K through 1st graders to Hall of Fame members throughout the Timeline Exhibits on their trail ride. Students are asked many critical thinking questions while they ride and real life skills are addressed through following rules and taking turns.

The Education Gallery offers hands-on experiences with various tack and other horse related objects. The Look Inside gives students the opportunity to see the horse's bones, muscles, and organs. Many students are delighted to hear the horse's heartbeat. The gallery is packed with learning activities which present information in a fun but educational context.

It's a real, live horse!!! Many of our groups get to experience the opportunity to meet and greet an American Quarter Horse during their trip to the Hall of Fame. While this opportunity cannot be promised, weather permitting, horses are regular visitors in our arena. The WTAMU Horsemen's Association and Seven Star Family Center volunteer their time and talent to teach youngsters about the Quarter Horse.

Booking your field trip

To book a field trip to the Hall of Fame, call Ande Ragsdale at 806-376-5181. You need to give two weeks notice and get a confirmation from the museum before your booking is complete. The months of March, April, and May get booked up really soon, so keep that in mind when you are making your plans for field trips. The Hall of Fame does not charge classes of PreK-5th graders, but charges a group rate of \$1.50 per child for grades 6th and above. Busing funds are available for AISD schools.



Guidelines for your classes on a field trip to the Hall of Fame

- Make sure the class understands it is visiting a MUSEUM, not a playground.
- If a horse will be part of the visit, make sure the class knows that it must be respectful of the animal.
- Cover pencil etiquette with your class before you attend the museum, stray pencil marks are extremely hard to clean off the text panels.
- Remind your class that while they are at the museum, your guide is in charge and should be treated as such.
- If it looks like your class might be over 10 minutes late, please call and let us know.