



# GROUP PRE-VISIT GUIDE

## Helpful Reminders

### LUNCH

#### **If your group is bringing bagged lunches**

Reservations in the **School Lunchroom** are *required* (\$15 flat fee) if your group is bringing bagged lunches. Please check with your Group Sales representative to confirm that you have made an advanced reservation.

Lunches must be bagged or boxed together with your group's name clearly labeled prior to arrival at the museum. This will ensure a quick check-in process.

#### **If your group is purchasing lunch**

**Pre-paid boxed lunch** options are available and must be ordered at least 10 days in advance of your visit. Contact **Brûlée Catering** at 215.409.6600 x6639 for menus and pricing. We strongly recommend that you reserve seating in our School Lunchroom.

**Delegates' Cafe** inside the museum serves breakfast, lunch, and light snacks. Reservations are not required for the Cafe, however, space is limited. If your group is planning to dine in Delegates' Cafe, please inform your Group Sales representative.

### EXHIBITION GUIDES

Don't forget to reserve copies of our Exhibition Guide, *The Path to Responsible Citizenship*, which provides an engaging way for students to experience the main exhibition. Guides are available for elementary, middle, and high school students.

### CANCELLATION AND CHANGES

Please notify the Group Sales Department at least one week in advance of your visit if your group numbers change or if you must cancel your visit.

**All payments are non-refundable.** Any overpayments will be applied to a future visit.

If your group is unable to travel to the museum due to extreme weather conditions, please call the Group Sales Department as soon as possible. We will make every effort to reschedule your visit on the next date of your choice, based on availability.

### MUSEUM RULES & REGULATIONS

For your safety, all items brought into the National Constitution Center are subject to an inspection. Please leave all bags and valuable personal belongings on your bus. **Backpacks and large bags are NOT permitted in the George H.W. Bush Gallery.**

Please reference your *Chaperone's Guide to a Great Visit* for additional information.

### MUSEUM STORE

The Museum Store offers an array of gift and exhibition merchandise, including books, souvenirs, and educational toys and games. Don't forget to make time for your group to stop by!

### CONTACT GROUP SALES WITH ANY QUESTIONS

215.409.6800 or [groupsales@constitutioncenter.org](mailto:groupsales@constitutioncenter.org)

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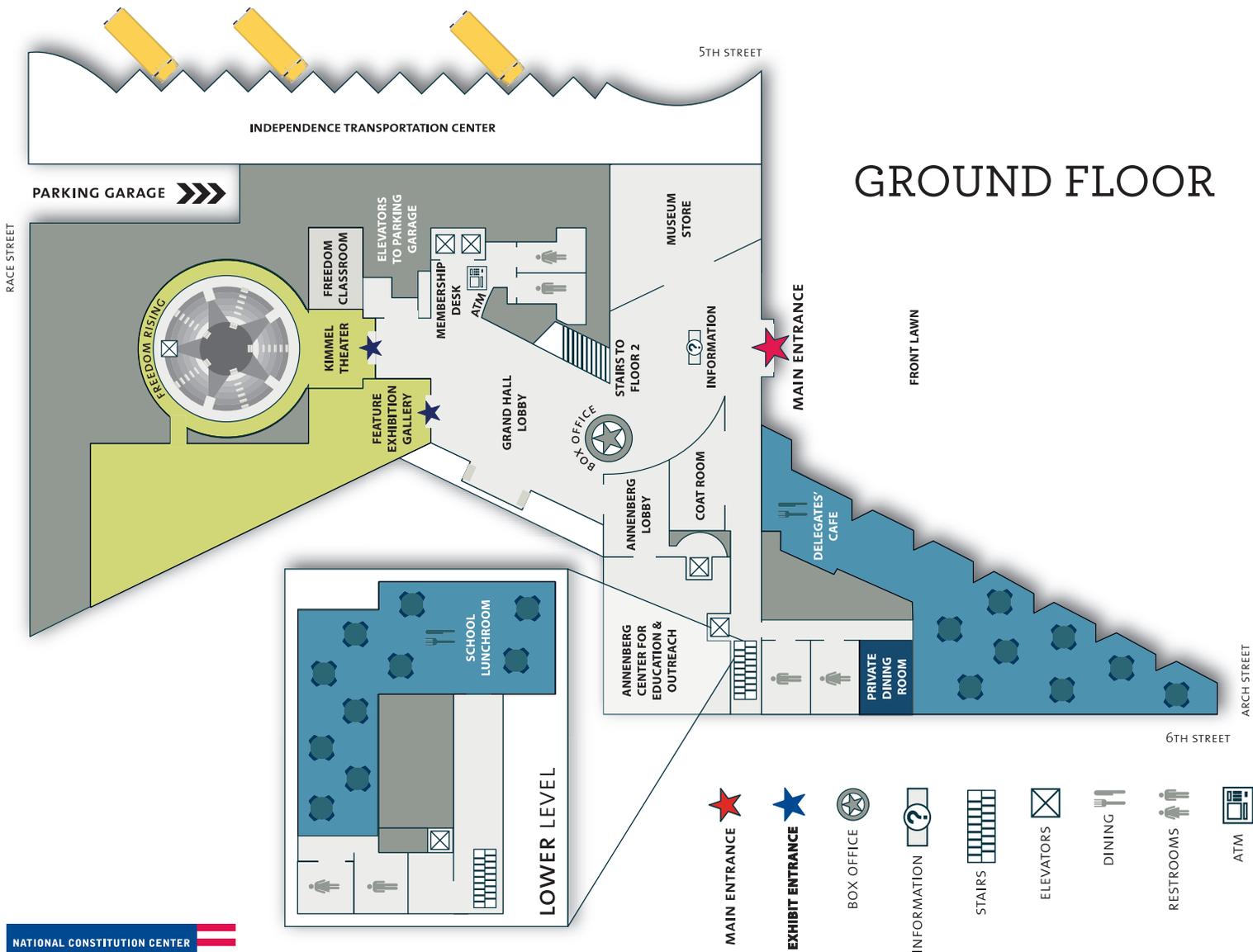
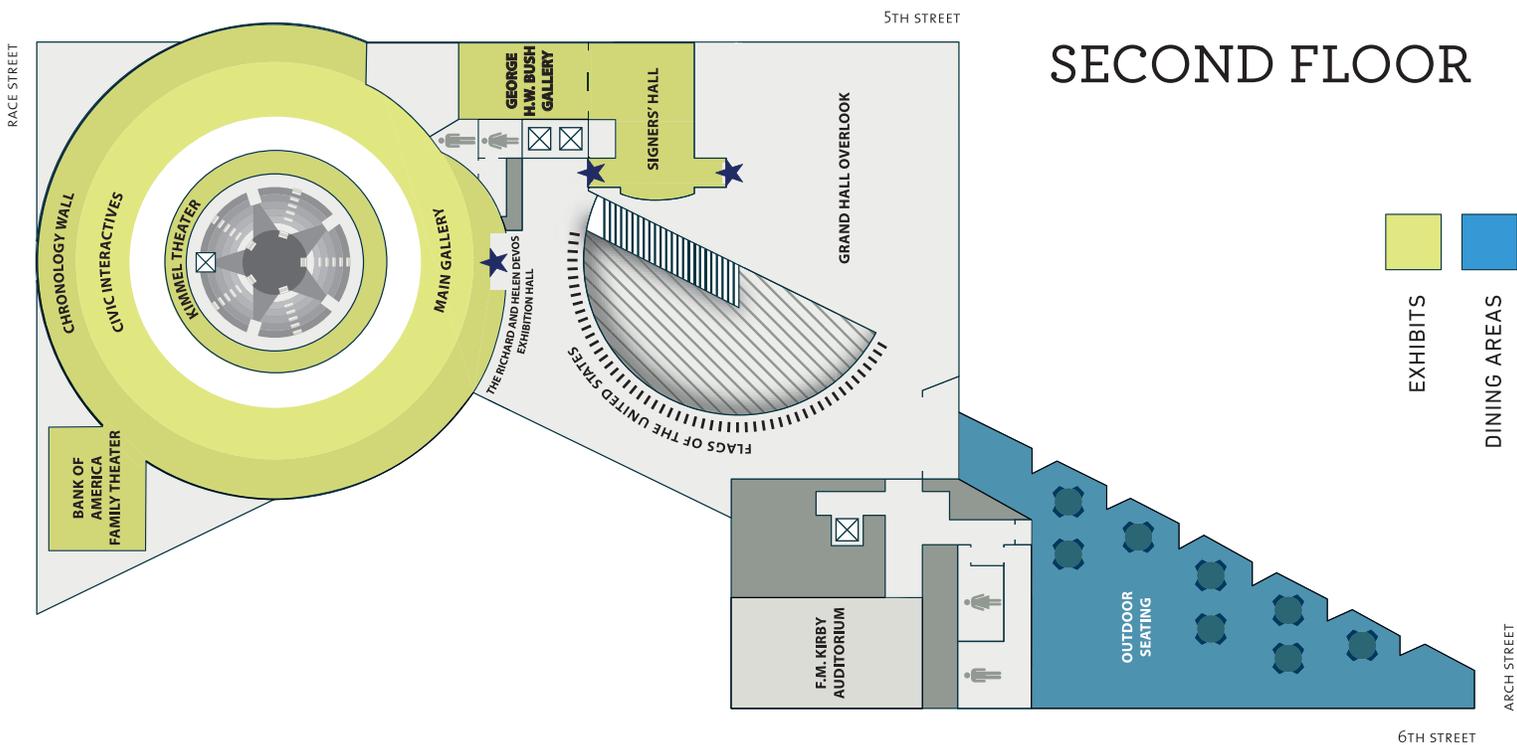
# A CHAPERONE'S GUIDE TO A GREAT VISIT

Follow these top 10 tips for a fun, safe, and memorable experience:

- 1 Our education and museum staff are available to help. Feel free to test their knowledge and **ASK QUESTIONS.**
- 2 Not sure where to start? Pick up our **EXHIBITION GUIDES** at the box office to enhance your group's museum experience.
- 3 **POSE FOR A PHOTO OP** (or several) in *Signers' Hall*, but please refrain from taking photos or videos elsewhere in our main exhibition.
- 4 Please **SILENCE ALL CELL PHONES** and electronic devices during live performances, including *Freedom Rising*, so everyone can enjoy the show without interruption.
- 5 We encourage **FREEDOM OF SPEECH**, but we request that your students **NOT DISRUPT THE ACTORS** during live performances.
- 6 **FOOD, DRINK, AND CHEWING GUM ARE NOT PERMITTED** in our museum exhibition spaces or performance areas. **Backpacks and large bags are NOT permitted in the George H. W. Bush Gallery.** Bags smaller than 11" x 14" x 5" are acceptable, but will be visually inspected by security.
- 7 To ensure everyone's safety, **RUNNING** in the museum **IS NOT ALLOWED.**
- 8 All students must **STAY WITH THEIR CHAPERONES.**
- 9 Please remind your group to **BE RESPECTFUL** to all staff members and other visitors, so we can help you have the best visit possible.
- 10 Get ready to learn about the Constitution while **HAVING A BLAST!**



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# BUS TRIP TIPS

## ARRIVAL

Please provide plenty of time for your commute so that you arrive at the museum 15 minutes prior to your scheduled visit time. If you are delayed or anticipate being late, please call the Group Sales Department at 215.409.6800.

## BUS PICK-UP AND DROP-OFF: INDEPENDENCE TRANSPORTATION CENTER

Bus unloading and loading will take place at the **Independence Transportation Center (ITC)**, located adjacent to the National Constitution Center. **Drivers can access the ITC from Race Street, between 5th and 6th streets.**

Located in the heart of Philadelphia's historic district, the ITC is in close proximity to the Independence Visitor Center, the Liberty Bell Center, and Independence Hall, as well as other sites, attractions, restaurants, and shops.

## BUS AND CAR PARKING

The bus parking lot is just a few blocks away from the ITC, on Callowhill Street between 2nd and Front streets. The daily parking rate is \$20 per bus. The bus driver will be asked to pay the parking lot attendant directly. Payment for bus parking will not be accepted by the National Constitution Center. Overnight parking will be an additional \$10 per bus (for a total fee of \$30). Reservations for overnight parking should be made before 5 p.m. by calling 215.925.3706.

Convenient car parking is also available at underground garages at the museum, the Independence Visitor Center, and at nearby public parking facilities.

## DIRECTIONS TO BUS PARKING LOT

From the ITC, exit onto 5th Street (North) and proceed to the right, taking the tunnel under the Benjamin Franklin Bridge. Proceed to Spring Garden Street and turn right (East). Turn onto 2nd Street. Proceed to Callowhill Street and turn left. Enter the bus parking lot, located between 2nd and Front streets on the right. Return directions to the ITC will be provided at the bus parking lot.

## MAP OF BUS ROUTES TO THE INDEPENDENCE TRANSPORTATION CENTER



For additional information, please visit [constitutioncenter.org/groupsales](http://constitutioncenter.org/groupsales)

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# BUS DIRECTIONS

## FROM THE SOUTH

Take I-95 North to Exit 22 for “Central Philadelphia/I-676.” Follow signs for Philadelphia/Independence Hall/Callowhill Street. Keep right at the fork in the ramp. Stay straight on Callowhill Street and turn left onto 8th Street. Take 8th Street to Race Street and turn left. Proceed through the light at 6th Street and turn right into the Independence Transportation Center bus facility, adjacent to the National Constitution Center.

## FROM THE NORTH

Take I-95 South to Exit 22 for “Central Philadelphia/I-676.” Follow signs for Philadelphia/Independence Hall/Callowhill Street and make a right at the light at the bottom of the ramp. Stay straight on Callowhill Street and turn left onto 8th Street. Take 8th Street to Race Street and turn left. Proceed through the light at 6th Street and turn right into the Independence Transportation Center bus facility, adjacent to the National Constitution Center.

## FROM THE WEST

Take I-676 (PA Turnpike) to Exit 326 for “Valley Forge.” Follow signs for Philadelphia I-76 East. Remain on I-76 East for about 25 miles until you see signs for Exit 344 “Central Philadelphia” and take 676 East to the 8th Street exit. Make a right onto 8th Street and then a left onto Race Street. Proceed through the light at 6th Street and turn right into the Independence Transportation Center bus facility, adjacent to the National Constitution Center.

## FROM THE EAST

Take the NJ Turnpike to Exit 4. Take Route 73 North to Route 38 West to US 30 and continue on US 30 West over the Benjamin Franklin Bridge (Route 676), crossing into Philadelphia. Stay in the left lane and go straight through the light following the signs for “8th Street South/Chinatown.” Make a left onto 8th Street and then another left onto Race Street. Proceed through the light at 6th Street and turn right into the Independence Transportation Center bus facility, adjacent to the National Constitution Center.

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