

TEACH TEXARKANA ACTIVITY GUIDELINES

These guidelines have been adopted to clearly communicate the values embraced by TEACH Texarkana pertaining to all group activities. As we only get one chance to make a good first impression to represent our Lord and our organization, these guidelines shall be lovingly yet firmly enforced to show our group commitment to excellence in our homeschooling and to each other.

1. Rules and information particular to each activity shall be posted on the TEACH Texarkana website. These rules must be read to your child(ren) before participating in TEACH Texarkana activities.
2. To attend a TEACH Texarkana activity, a person shall be a member or guest of a member of the organization. They must read and agree to comply with all the TEACH Texarkana Activity Guidelines. Members are responsible for their guests. To participate in a TEACH Kids activity, unless otherwise noted for the activity, a member shall be between the ages of zero and twelve. To participate in a Bridge activity, a member shall be between the ages of eleven and thirteen. To participate in a TEACH Teen activity, a member and their guests must not have graduated and must be between the ages of thirteen and nineteen. Graduates are encouraged to continue friendships forged in TEACH Texarkana but shall no longer be permitted to attend teen events as guests. Exceptions may be made for TEACH Teen dances with prior approval from the Teen Director.
3. No student may attend an activity without a parent unless a prior arrangement is made with the activity coordinator such as one family bringing the child(ren) of another with them.
4. Parents are responsible for supervising their family at all non-drop-off events. This includes all public events like park day. TEACH Texarkana is neither responsible nor liable for family members when parents are present. If an issue arises that needs assistance in mitigating, the problem needs to be presented to the TEACH Board as outlined in the TEACH Texarkana Standing Rules.
5. Adults and students shall dress appropriately for all occasions per the TEACH Texarkana Dress Guidelines.
6. All activity reservations shall be made according to the directions announced for each activity, with special attention paid to the specific requirements necessary to be able to participate. All participants in a TEACH Texarkana activity must sign up on the website to participate.

7. Participants shall be at a field trip location at least 15 minutes prior to its start unless otherwise instructed. Participants shall communicate with the coordinator if circumstances keep them from arriving on time or even at all. Participants who fail to show up on time for an event may be refused admittance according to the policies of the event location.

8. Participants who fail to show up for an event without prior communication **with the activity coordinator** shall forfeit all monies paid toward that activity. Participants who attempt to cancel after the registration deadline shall forfeit all monies paid toward that activity according to the published policies for that event. Extenuating circumstances shall be considered if submitted in writing at least twenty-four (24) hours before or after the event. If monies paid toward an activity are eligible for refund, the activity coordinator will refer information to the Treasurer, and a **check** will be issued from TEACH Texarkana to the eligible member within 2 weeks. Registration for an event but failure to submit payment by the published deadline shall result in cancellation of registration. Credits for activities are not transferable between members.

9. Students shall not run inside any buildings or make noise disturbing others. They shall show respect for property, all adults, and each other through words and actions. All participants shall be quiet, put away electronic devices unless required for class, and listen during any speaker presentations.

10. No alcohol, tobacco, controlled substances, or e-cigarettes (or similar devices) shall be permitted at TEACH Texarkana activities.

11. No brandishing of weapons shall be permitted at TEACH Texarkana activities. No firearms are allowed to be carried by any child or teen at any TEACH Texarkana event. Knives are to be kept in pockets or purses, as allowed by the activity. Knives are not allowed at TEACH Co-op. No straight or switchblades are allowed. If a knife is seen out without specific permission from and in the presence of the Event Director, it will be confiscated by an adult and will need to be picked up from a Board Officer by a parent or guardian. In the event a board officer is not present, the event director will be in charge of returning the knife to the parent or guardian and notifying the TEACH Board. After the first offense, the student shall not be allowed to have a knife at any event. If there is a second offense the student shall not be allowed to attend TEACH Texarkana activities without a parent/guardian being in attendance.

12. No animals shall be permitted at TEACH Texarkana activities other than certified service animals; crated animals for educational purposes permitted by prior arrangement of Board Officers or event coordinators; and leashed animals at outdoor Park Day locations.

13. Families are encouraged to write thank you notes after each field trip. Site contact information shall be listed on the Forum or Calendar.

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