

Field Trip Teacher Packet



cheshire children's Museum
(located in The Center at Keene)
149 Emerald Street
Keene, New Hampshire 03431

Prepare for Your Trip

Exhibit Descriptions

Children will learn through role-playing, discovery and imagination while exploring the 4,000 square feet of over 20 exhibits including:

- Transportation Area with a plane, boat, coal-powered train, automobiles and repair shop plus a travel agency
- New Hampshire Region with a musical bridge, ranger cabin and granite cave reading nook
- The Farm with a milk cow, cornfield and tractor, garden and a barn with animals
- Adjacent farm stand and grocery store with checkout, carts and recipe based shopping lists
- Main Street USA with a Recycling Center, Veterinarian, Food Truck, Post Office, Bank, Classroom, Doctor and Dentist Offices
- Construction Zone and Dollhouse where children build with bricks, pipes, and their imagination
- The Arts Area including a stage, No Waste Art Studio and Radio Station
- There is also a Toddler Area for children ages three and under. Please advise your group to adhere to the age restriction.

Group Pricing

In order to receive discounted group admission rates, a group of 10 or more children is required. Field trips must be scheduled at least 2 weeks in advance. Cancellations made less than 72 hours in advance and not rescheduled WILL BE CHARGED A \$25 CANCELLATION FEE. Prices and group rates are subject to change without notice. It is asked that you provide ONE ADULT CHAPERONE for every FIVE STUDENTS in your group to supervise.

- Admission for individual students is \$5.00.
- Teachers are admitted free.
- Final payment is due the day of the field trip. Acceptable forms of payment include cash, checks written to CCM or Cheshire Children's Museum, or Mastercard/Visa.

Field Trip Hours

Cheshire Children's Museum can accommodate field trips during our normal weekday business hours Tuesday through Friday 10:00 – 5:00 as well as the first Monday of each month. If an earlier start would work for your group, please call 603-903-1800 to discuss options.

When You Visit

visitor Guidelines

Please review all guidelines with your students & chaperones prior to your visit.

- Follow all directions of the museum staff & volunteers.
- Adults should interact with children at all exhibits! Encourage children to ask questions.
- Please refrain from cell phone use while in the museum.
- Please only use your walking feet and inside voices.
- Be sure to take turns at all exhibits and treat the exhibits kindly.
- Please share with others and return items to their proper place.
- To keep our exhibits clean, we ask that no food, drinks or gum be brought into the museum. (There is a designated area for lunches and snacks that may be available upon request.)

Gift Shop Purchases

Our gift shop is located immediately upon entrance to the museum and carries an assortment of items priced under \$5.00. An adult should accompany students while they are in the gift shop to assist children in choosing items within their price range. If your group would like a souvenir, we have a variety of options available for \$1 or \$.50 per student.

Sick Child Policy

If a child (or adult) is too sick to attend school or work, they are too sick to visit Cheshire Children's Museum. In order to provide a healthy environment for all museum guests, we ask that you refrain from visiting CCM if you have or display any of the following symptoms:

- Pink eye (conjunctivitis)
- Fever
- Diarrhea
- Severe cold with sinus drainage
- Impetigo (infectious skin disease that shows up as small pimples that turn into red blisters in a circular pattern)
- Vomiting
- Lice
- Strep throat (child must be on antibiotics for 24 hours before coming to the museum.)
- Any of the following childhood diseases: measles, mumps, rubella, roseola, chicken pox or any other transmittable disease. Children with chicken pox may not come into the museum until all of the sores are crusted and there are no new eruptions. The admissions desk has the right to deny entry based on their observation of the above illnesses.

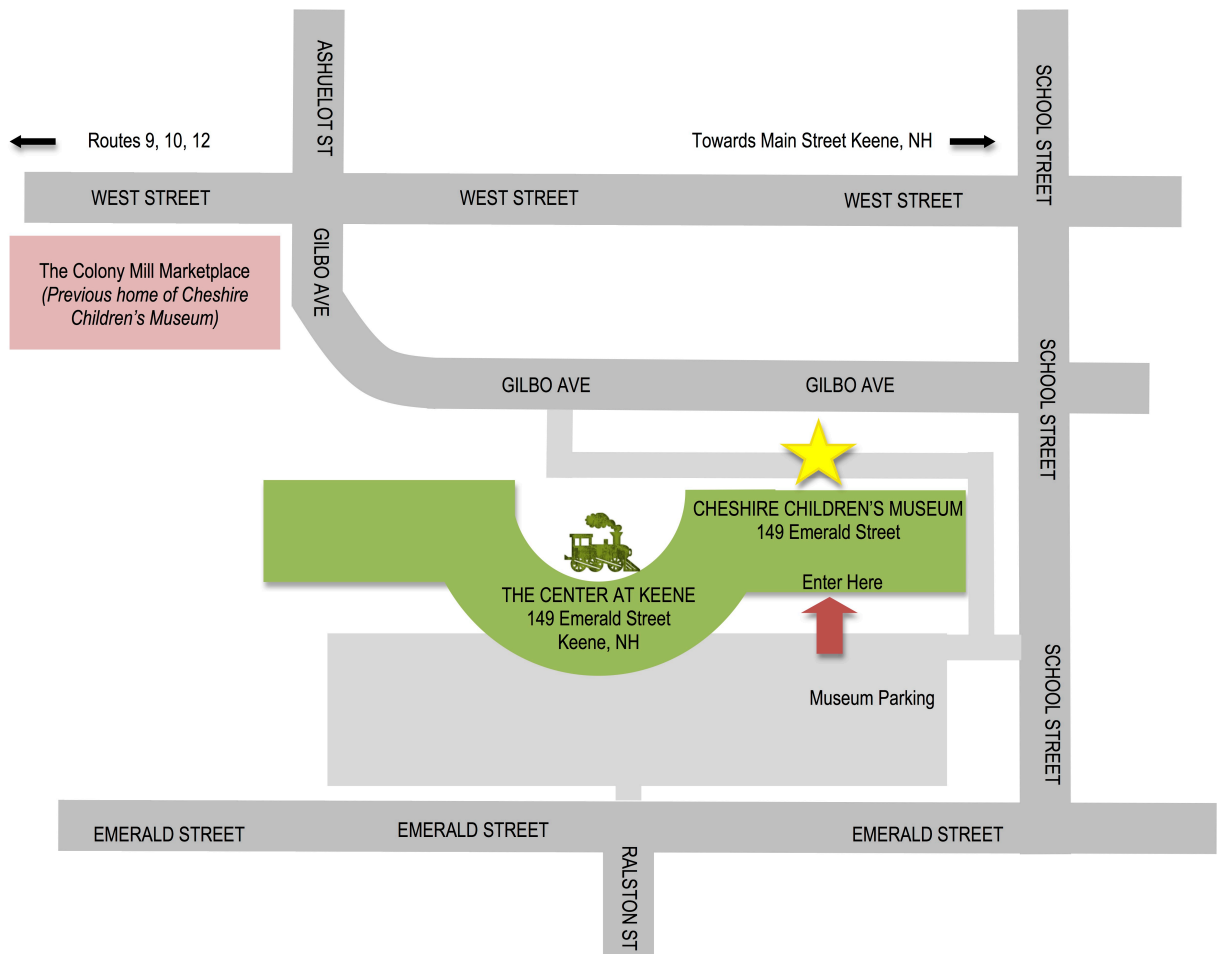
Day of Directions

our Address:

THE CENTER AT KEENE
149 EMERALD STREET
KEENE, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03431

Parking and Entering:

Use the School Street entrance into The Center at Keene and park in the lot adjacent to School and Emerald Streets as shown in the map below. Entrance to the museum is to the **right** of our sign and is marked in white letters "CHESHIRE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM" followed by other business names. Enter through the hall and museum is on your left. Public bathrooms are located in this hall and are available for museum use. (Ask the front desk for keycode.) Please note that other companies are conducting business in this hall and visitors should be quietly respectful.



Your Planning Checklist

- ☐ Make your reservation through our website, calling CCM at 603-903-1800 or emailing info@cheshirechildrensmuseum.org. Please book your trip as early as possible so that we may accommodate you with the date that best fits your schedule.
- ☐ Select chaperones for the trip and plan a brief meeting for the chaperones using the Visitor Guidelines and this checklist. We request a ratio of 1adult: 5 children.
- ☐ Plan on at least 2 hours to fully explore all exhibits.
- ☐ Kindly give 72 hours notice if you must cancel your trip. Groups that do not show up for their scheduled visit or cancel less than 72 hours in advance will be charged a \$25 cancellation fee.
- ☐ The museum IS open to the public during field trips. We recommend a name badge with the school name and/or child's first name.
- ☐ Provide bus drivers and/or car drivers of plans for dropping off children. There is plenty of parking adjacent to the building that may be accessed by School or Emerald Street.
- ☐ There are two unisex single bathrooms in the hall OUTSIDE the museum. Please ask for the keycode at the front desk.
- ☐ Your group leader should visit the admissions desk with payment before your group has entered the center.
- ☐ Payment must be completed on the day of your visit. Acceptable forms of payment include: cash, checks made payable to the Cheshire Children's Museum (or CCM), Visa or MasterCard. One person paying for all attendees is appreciated.
- ☐ Adults should interact with children at all exhibits. Use the prompt sheets provided at each exhibit to encourage and ask, do not just give answers. Follow the child's lead and allow them to set the pace.
- ☐ If children are going to make gift shop purchases, please remember that chaperones must accompany them in the gift shop to assist in choosing items within their price range.
- ☐ A room may be available for groups to eat snack and/or lunch that they have brought with them. Please request prior to trip.