

Gardens of the World

Tour Guidelines

General Information:

- Please arrive at the Resource Center 15 minutes prior to your scheduled tour.
- Please have group leader check in at the office located in the Resource Center upon arrival.
- Guided walking tours will run approximately 45 minutes in length.
- Moderate walking (1/4 mile) and ability to navigate slight inclines are required.
- The Gardens are handicapped accessible. Wheelchairs are not provided.
- Other visitors may be enjoying the Gardens while your tour is in progress.
- Souvenir kiosk available.

Children's Group Tours:

- Prior to arrival, children **must** be divided into their groups with at least two chaperones assigned to each group.
- All students, teachers and chaperones **must** have nametags.
- Learning and Fun Activity Pages are available to print from the Tours page of our web site.

Chaperone responsibilities:

- Please emphasize to the children that this is a learning experience and not a playground activity. This preparation will strongly affect the experiences the children will have at the Gardens of the World. Your children's whereabouts and safety are your responsibility.
- Supervise your children at all times and keep groups on the designated paths.
- Be enthusiastic and encouraging and model appropriate behaviors.
- Provide disciplinary support for the Docents in situations where inappropriate behavior requires intervention.
- Support emergency procedures as directed by Gardens staff; administer first aid, or call 911, if necessary.
- Supervise children during meals and help clean-up the picnic area.
- Refrain from using cell phones.
- Promote active participation and learning.

Hours of Operation:

- The Gardens of the World is open to the public from Tuesday through Sunday from 9:00am-5:00pm. The Gardens are closed on Mondays and most national holidays.

Picnic Area Facilities:

- Visitors are welcome to bring a brown bag lunch with recyclable containers and eat in the designated picnic area. Please dispose of trash properly. No glass is allowed.

Inclement Weather:

- In the event of rain, tours may be cancelled. Please call to confirm or reschedule your tour.

Parking:

- Handicapped and limited visitor parking is available behind the Resource Center. Additional parking is generally available on Thousand Oaks Blvd.
- Bus drivers should enter at the front gate and proceed up the driveway to the bus turn around area in front of the Resource Center.