

## **Conditions for Youth Groups and Accompanying Adults\* visiting Glacier Creek Preserve**

**\* Defined as teachers, parents, and any adults accompanying the group.**

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Glacier Creek Preserve is an extension of the University of Nebraska at Omaha (UNO) campus serving the University's research and education focus. Use of both the field and indoor facilities by formal (e.g. structured classes) and informal (e.g. homeschools) groups expects resources to be used with the focus of the Preserve in mind, which requires accepting the following conditions that are based on past experience:

1. Glacier Creek Preserve, including both the indoor and outdoor space, is designed to be used for education, it is not a field trip location (i.e. it is not the zoo or a public playground).
2. Adult supervision of youth is required at all times. Youth are not allowed to venture into the Barn or up the Silo without an adult.
3. The elevator is not to be used by youth except where essential or when accompanied by an adult.
4. Based on past experience, youth groups are not permitted in the Barn Loft (i.e. upstairs in the Barn).
5. When in or around the Barn, youth and adults are to keep voices at a respectful level so as not to disturb other Barn reservation holders, Preserve Staff, or outside visitors/classes using the Preserve.
6. Collecting or uprooting plants or flowers is not permitted. The Preserve is a safe home to all wildlife and plants. Please only look, smell and touch.
7. Killing animals, including insects other than mosquitos or tick pests, is not permitted. Do not intentionally harm spiders, ants, beetles, snakes, etc.
8. Adults are required to assist with all hands-on activities (i.e. Dip netting, sweep netting, dissecting scopes, etc.). Unless requested prior to the visit, Preserve Staff are on site to provide equipment for use but have other duties so are not available to provide guidance or information.
9. Parents, teachers and chaperones must remain engaged with youth during the visit both to help the youth learn from the experience and to ensure the above conditions are met. Note that the Preserve provides neither daycare center services nor staff to oversee group behavior, both of which are expectations of the accompanying adults.

If your group cannot meet the above conditions, we ask that you find a different location for your visit, such as Hummel Park or Lake Zorinsky. If at any time during your visit to Glacier Creek Preserve, a member of the Preserve Staff observes that failure to meet the above conditions jeopardizes ongoing or appropriate use of the Preserve and Staff time, they are expected to ask that you leave. If you have specific questions about the above, feel free to contact the Preserve.

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