

LA PLATA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
**ANIMAS MUSEUM**  
DURANGO • COLORADO

**School Visit Important Information**

- **Please schedule and reserve time for your visit at least two weeks in advance!**
  - The Animas Museum operates with a small staff plus a corps of dedicated volunteers, and we want to prepare the best possible experience for your group.
- Limited to 30 students at one time
  - *If you have more than 30 students, you may consider coming over multiple days or splitting your students between the Animas Museum and another location in Durango, including the Powerhouse Museum or even a park or nearby trail!*
- Scheduling
  - Wednesdays and Fridays between 8:30 am and 1:00 pm
  - School visits generally last for about 1.5 hours, but we can adjust programming to lengthen or shorten this time as needed.
  - ***We prefer this timing in order to not overlap with the general public. If you absolutely cannot make it during this time frame, we are happy to discuss other options with you.***
- Adults
  - For groups of students in the 3rd grade or younger, we recommend 1 adult for every 5 students. For students in 4th grade and older, 1 adult for every ten students is recommended.
- Lunch
  - If you plan to eat lunch during your visit, you may use the Animas Museum's outdoor space to do so.
- We encourage teachers to review museum manners below with students before attending

Please reach out to us at [animasmuseumeducation@gmail.com](mailto:animasmuseumeducation@gmail.com) if you have further questions.

## **MUSEUM MANNERS (for all visitors)**

- Please leave your backpacks and water bottles in the area designated by Museum personnel.
- Stay with your group at all times.
- Food, drink and chewing gum are not permitted in exhibit spaces. Smoking and vaping are not allowed on Museum property.
- Please silence your cell phones and refrain from texting.
- Photographs are permitted but we ask that students themselves not take photographs during their guided programs. In general, visitors may take photographs in the galleries as long as no flash, lights, tripods or selfie sticks are used. All photographs must be for the private use of our visitors. Please ask a staff member about the Museum's photography policy if you are interested in commercial uses.
- Always walk (never run) in the Museum and on the grounds.
- Please do not touch artifacts or exhibit cases. You may notice staff and volunteers handling some items. These are a special category of objects which should not be touched by visitors. If your guide invites you to handle or use an object, take advantage of this special opportunity.
- Indoor voices are the best, as there may be other people visiting and enjoying the Museum too.
- Enjoy your visit and remember to ask questions!