Rules and Guidelines

Thank you for planning a visit to Middleton Place! We are excited to have your group visit the National Historic Landmark and hope to provide an immersive learning experience for the students that will be both educational and fun. In order to best serve your group, Middleton Place has set forth several rules and guidelines that should be observed during your site visit. Please ensure that all members of your group are aware of these standards before your arrival on-site.

One week prior to visit, the school representative must contact the Education Director by either phone or email to confirm the number of students, chaperones, and teachers who will be in attendance during a site visit.

Unless other arrangements have been made in advance with the Education Director, student groups are expected to pay in full upon arrival at Middleton Place when the school representative checks in at the Middleton Place Visitor’s Center.

Students must be supervised at all times while visiting Middleton Place. It is recommended that groups through third grade have at least one (1) chaperone for every six (6) children on-site. Beginning with fourth grade, students groups may bring one (1) chaperone for every ten (10) children. However, teachers may feel free to bring additional chaperones, especially for younger children. Please see the Middleton Place Chaperone Orientation for further details on the duties and expectations for chaperones accompanying school groups.

If the size of a group necessitates that it be divided into smaller groups for tours and activities, the teacher is expected to divide the group into smaller subgroups (including appropriate division of chaperones) prior to arrival on-site. The number of smaller groups will be agreed upon between the school representative and the Education Director and specified in the event contract for the group.

During all aspects of a visit, students are expected to be respectful and obedient to all Middleton Place personnel in order to ensure both safety and a positive learning environment.

Groups must be mindful of the fact that they will be visiting during hours when Middleton Place is open to the public. Therefore, students must be respectful of the general public visitors who share their learning environment.

Students must adhere to some specific rules of conduct while on-site. They are:
- Students may not leave their group for any reason.
- Students must stay on the established paths when in the Gardens unless specifically instructed to do otherwise by Middleton Place personnel.
- Students may not pet, feed, chase or otherwise antagonize any of the birds and animals on-site.
- Students may not climb anything on property including walls, fences, gates, or trees.

Groups who eat lunch at the picnic tables on the Greensward are expected to clean up all trash before moving on to the next scheduled group activity.
Students are encouraged to ask questions throughout their visit to Middleton Place. Please use the pre-visit materials provided on our website and those issued by the Education Director to orient your students prior to their visit.

Thank you again for choosing to visit Middleton Place, a National Historic Landmark and America's Oldest Landscaped Gardens. Please address any questions regarding this document or your visit to Greg Smith, Education Director, at gsmith@middletonplace.org
Chaperones play an important part in the success of site visits by student groups to Middleton Place. All Middleton Place personnel rely on chaperones to help in the educational process to supervise students in every aspect of their study at our National Historic Landmark site. Thank you for volunteering to assist this group in achieving what will be an exciting, educational day.

As the chaperone for a school group you should think of Middleton Place as an outdoor museum filled with important artifacts both natural and man-made. Please make sure that the students whom you supervise remember that Middleton Place is a historic site of national significance, not a park. As such we have certain expectations of the students who visit Middleton Place that are outlined in the Rules and Guidelines included in your pre-visit materials. If you need a copy of this document, please contact your school representative.

Below you will find a brief description of the responsibilities of chaperones when visiting Middleton Place with student groups. Any questions for clarification may be addressed to Greg Smith, Director of Education at gsmith@middletonplace.org.

Chaperones of school groups at Middleton Place must make the safety of students in their charge their foremost priority. Students are not permitted to feed, pet or antagonize any of the heritage breed farm animals or wildlife, may not climb onto any structure, and are expected to stay on paths and remain supervised at all times. Please help avoid any safety issues by making sure these rules are enforced.

If a House Tour is scheduled as part of the itinerary for a group, chaperones must make sure that students are obeying the rules of the House Museum as outlined by your guide.

Children often are led by example. Please make sure that as a chaperone you are setting the right example by being respectful to all Middleton Place personnel and following instructions when given.

The purpose of a student group visiting Middleton Place is to enhance in-class instruction. We encourage questions, but please remember that this is a trip for the students. If you wish to learn about aspects of Middleton Place not included in part of your visit, please return for a family visit at a later time.
Photography Release and Assignment

As the parent/guardian of ____________________________________________, a student who attends______________________________________________________,
I hereby release Middleton Place Foundation, its agents, officers, and employees, from any and all liability arising out of or in any way connected with the use of images that include the likeness of my child in Middleton Place Promotional materials, including the use of images in advertisements, brochures, and on the Middleton Place website. In addition to the foregoing, the undersigned does hereby assign any and all rights associated with the above said images to Middleton Place Foundation. It is understood that the undersigned is released from any implied or expressed obligations to Middleton Place Foundation.

It is further understood and agreed that the undersigned will not disclose the terms of this Release.

The undersigned has duly caused this Agreement to be executed this _______ day of ____________________.

I, the undersigned, represent that I am the ____________________ of the minor named above, and as such, am fully authorized and entitled to enter this agreement.

___________________________________
Parent or Guardian

Please distribute to all class members and collect to return to Middleton Place Foundation by fax to (843) 766-4460 or submit upon arrival, Attn: Greg Smith, Director of Public Programming.
I request permission to participate the horse-drawn vehicle (carriage) ride that I/we hereby contract to ride upon on the roads and carriage trails of Middleton Place. I/we understand and agree to the following:

The express purpose of the carriage ride is for the express purpose of a recreational experience representative of an historically authentic type of travel common in America prior to the extensive use of the automobile. The vehicle is powered and pulled by a horse or team of horses and is controlled to the maximum degree possible by a professional driver. The vehicle I/we are contracting to hire is not acting as a “Common Carrier” and does not bear the liabilities attaching to that status. The vehicle is inspected daily and maintained to the highest possible standard, yet the vehicle does not meet, nor is it required to meet, safety and collision standards commensurate with those vehicles required by law for common carriers. The horses pulling this vehicle are trained and desensitized for this purpose. Nonetheless, any horse is a large, extremely strong and powerful animal. Horses are uniquely sensitive to sights, sounds and smells; it is a living, breathing animal having a mind of its own and its survival instincts may get activated if it feels frightened or provoked. I/we agree that participation in the carriage ride involves certain inherent risks, which include, but are not limited to, sudden, unexpected motion caused by some stimulus that may startle the animal, which can cause the vehicle to lurch or move in an unpredictable manner. For that reason, passengers must remain seated at all times unless instructed to do otherwise by the driver or handler. Horses can behave in unpredictable ways that my result in accidents to anyone at any time resulting in injury, severe injury or death.

**Warning:** Under South Carolina law, an equine activity sponsor or equine professional is not liable for an injury to or the death of a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risk of equine activities, pursuant to Article 7, Chapter 9 of title 47, Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976.

In exchange for being permitted to participate in the carriage ride activities, for myself, my heirs, guardians and legal representatives, I release and agree not to make or bring any claims of any kind against Middleton Place Foundation, Middleton Place Registered National Historic Landmark, Inc., or their Officers, Directors, Employees, Members or Guests, any land owners, landholders or other persons having property available for carriage ride activities for any injury (including death), to me or any damage to my property, whether from anyone’s negligence or not, or any other cause arising out of my participation in these dangerous horse-related activities; and I also agree if anyone makes any claims because of any injury to me (including death), or for any damage to my property, I will keep all those released by this agreement free of any damages or costs because of those claims.

EXECUTED this __________ day of ___________________________, 2011.

All participants 18 years and older must sign below:

Printed Name: ___________________________  Signed: ___________________________

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Names of all minor children or legal wards participating in this activity for whom I am legally responsible:

Printed Names: ___________________________
MIDDLETOWN PLACE HONEYBEE SANCTUARY
Liability Waiver

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To cover the liability issues of possible injury while participating in all aspects and/or phases of Middleton Place events, participants under age 18 and their legal representatives are required to sign a Waiver of Liability.

Waiver/Release

In consideration of participating in events at Middleton Place, the undersigned acknowledges and agrees that

- There is a potential risk of injury from activities involved in beekeeping, and while particular rules, equipment and personal care may reduce this risk, the risk of injury does exist; and
- I KNOWINGLY AND FREELY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, both known and unknown, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES or others, and assume full responsibility for my participation; and,
- I willingly agree to comply with the stated and customary terms and conditions for participation. I willingly agree to follow all safety rules for the event and the instructions of the instructor. If, however, I observe any unusual significant hazard during my presence or participation that may cause injury to myself or others I will remove myself from participation and bring such to the attention of the nearest instructor or Backyard Beekeeper Association representative immediately; and,
- For myself, and on behalf of my heirs, assigns, personal representatives and next of kin, HEREBY RELEASE AND HOLD HARMLESS Middleton Place Foundation, Middleton Place Registered National Historic Landmark, Inc. or their Officers, Directors, Trustees, Employees, Members or Guests, any land owners, landholders or other persons making property available for beekeeping activities (“RELEASEES”), WITH RESPECT TO ANY AND ALL INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, or loss or damage to person or property, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT OF THE LAW, WHETHER ARISING FROM THE NEGLIGENCE OF THE RELEASEES OR OTHERWISE.

I HAVE READ THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK AGREEMENT, FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS TERMS, UNDERSTAND THAT I HAVE GIVEN UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS BY SIGNING IT, AND SIGN IT FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY WITHOUT ANY INDUCEMENT.

(Printed Name) __________________________ DATE SIGNED: __________________

(Participant’s Signature)

FOR PARTICIPANTS OF MINORITY AGE
(UNDER AGE 18 AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION)

This is to certify that I, as parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, do consent and agree to his/her release as provided above of all the Releasees, and for myself, my heirs, assigns, and next of kin, I release and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any and all liabilities incident to my minor child’s involvement or participation in these programs as provided above, EVEN IF ARISING FROM THEIR NEGLIGENCE.

(Parent/Guardian and Child’s Name. Please Print) __________________________ DATE SIGNED: __________________

(Parent/Guardian Signature)

Emergency Phone Number: (  ) __________________________

MEDICAL INFORMATION

To my knowledge participant is _____ / is not _____ allergic (subject to anaphylactic shock) to honey bee stings.

List other allergies: