

PANOPLY® FIFTH GRADE DAYS
APRIL 26TH AND 27TH, 2012

TEACHER'S COMPANION GUIDE



Panoply Arts Festival
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The Arts Council is delighted that you will be joining us for Panoply 2012 5th Grade Days! This community tradition is one of our favorite events to take place during the annual Panoply Arts Festival and we are sure you and your students will have a wonderful time. This guide will help answer some of the most common questions that teachers and parents have about 5th Grade Days, and the information included will help ensure that you have a safe and successful field trip. Please contact our Art Education & Community Outreach Manager, Vicky Hinton with any additional questions you may have regarding the festival. See you in the park!

THE HISTORY OF PANOPLY® ARTS FESTIVAL:

In 1978, a group of local women who valued art and imagination realized that it was time for arts in our own community. This group of volunteers, the Junior League of Huntsville, spent three years researching and planning a creation that would bring the Arts to life in Huntsville. Working together with The Arts Council, the group created our community's premier Arts Festival—PANOPLY!

The name "Panoply" means "a magnificent array; a splendid display", and so it has come to pass that the Festival, now in its 30th year, has blossomed into a regional event that brings thousands of people into Big Spring International Park every April. There is a splendid display of performers and artists from around the region as well as from our own community who bring together their art and talents for people of all ages to enjoy!

TIPS FOR A SUCCESSFUL TRIP

BEFORE THE TOUR

1. **Register** your school by filling out the online registration form. Please make sure to include all the necessary information, and determine ahead of time who your lead teacher will be. This person will receive all further communication regarding 5th Grade Days and is responsible for sharing that information with all the participating 5th grade teachers at your school.
2. **Talk** with your students about etiquette and proper behavior during performances, viewing art, and lunch. Explain when clapping, laughing, and talking is acceptable or unacceptable.
3. **Research-** Work with your school's art teacher to identify students at the school who may have artwork featured in the Panoply Student Art Tent which features art from students K-12. Encourage your fifth grade students to see if they can find artwork from other students at your school.
4. **Prepare-** use the cross-curricular educational materials provided by The Arts Council to make connections between what you are studying in the classroom and what you will see at the festival. These materials will be available online in March of 2012.
5. Please ask students to wear school T-shirts, if they are available to further aid in identification and to show school pride.
6. Select your tour guides and chaperones. Each classroom should provide 1 chaperone who will serve as the tour guide for your class. This individual will be required to attend a brief 30 minute training session in early April 2012. Tour guides can register for the training session of their choice on our website <http://www.artshuntsville.org/our-programs/panoply-arts-festival/5th-grade-days/panoply-5th-grade-days-tour-guide-registration>

TOUR GUIDES / CHAPERONES

1. Your designated parent tour guide will meet your class when you arrive at the park with a sign that has your school's name and group color and will remain with your group until you depart the park.
2. Tour guides **must follow the exact schedule given for their group**. This is essential for your safety. It is imperative that festival organizers know where your class is inside the park at all times, should any emergency arise.
3. Tour guides and chaperones can park in the city garage on Monroe Street across from the VBC Box Office. The cost is \$5, and this is the closest parking area to the 5th Grade Days entrance. Which will be located on Church Street between the Summit Building & The Huntsville Museum of Art.

BUSES/TRANSPORTATION

1. You must schedule your own bus transportation according to your scheduled time in the park. Every school registered will be provided with an arrival and departure time in February of 2012. The Arts Council meets with the transportation directors from each district and provides them with necessary maps and instructions for student drop off and pick up.
2. Travel time to and from your school is NOT included in your arrival/departure schedule, so please plan accordingly. Those arriving early will not be able to begin their tour until the designated time and those arriving late may miss some of their scheduled activities.
3. Private and non-Madison County schools will receive instructions for drop off and pick up with your arrival and departure information in February 2012.
4. Please place a sign of your school name in the upper right-side of your bus window (located near the door from which the children will exit). This can be an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper with your school's name on it.
5. Please note that while there is no fee to attend 5th Grade Days for any Madison County student, schools are required to pay for their own transportation and bus fees.

THE DAY OF

1. Have your students and lunches ready to get on the bus to leave your school on time so that your class will arrive at the park as scheduled.
2. Walk in line, stay with your class and follow behind your parent tour guide at all times.

3. Please restrict student's restroom breaks and souvenir or concessions purchases to their designated 30-minute lunch period.
4. Follow the parent tour guide on the route scheduled. All students must be seated at the stage performances and do not allow them to skip seats. Parent chaperones remember the programs are for the students; therefore, they should allow all students to be seated before taking a seat themselves.
5. If you or your students bring anything with you (i.e. jackets, glasses, souvenir purchases), please make sure your group has everything they brought with them before you leave the area.
6. Remember to respect your parent tour guide and thank him or her, as well as the chaperones that came with the class. Please remember that all of the park workers are VOLUNTEERS!

SCHEDULE

Each class will attend a sampling of several activities that may include dance, music, and theatre. In addition to stage performances, students will experience the Panoply Student Art Tent. Please limit your student's restroom breaks to the 30 minute lunch break. At lunch, students will be able to eat, purchase souvenirs, and take a restroom break. Your class Tour Guide will be responsible for letting you know when it is time to depart for your next event. Travel time between each event and lunch is 15 minutes, so your students will have ample time to enjoy their visit to the park and not feel rushed from one event to another. Please remember that all parent tour guides and *Panoply Fifth Grade Days* workers are volunteers. The parent tour guide is **NOT** responsible for monitoring your students' behavior. It is the responsibility of the teachers and chaperones to ensure that their students practice good etiquette and polite public behavior.

LUNCHES

1. *Panoply Fifth Grade Days* Lunch Area volunteers will unload your cardboard LUNCH and DRINK boxes, **NO COOLERS**, from the bus at the student drop-off site and transport them to the Lunch Area for you. **DO NOT FILL YOUR CARDBOARD BOX WITH ICE.**
2. **NO LUNCH BOXES, THERMOS OR GLASS CONTAINERS WILL BE PERMITTED INTO THE PARK.** Pack your group's paper sack lunches only into disposable cardboard boxes labeled "LUNCHES" with your school's name and class teacher's name. This box will not be reloaded or returned to you after lunch, but will be disposed of properly.
3. Pack your group's non-dairy drinks only into a separate, disposable cardboard box labeled "DRINKS" with your school's name and class teacher's name. **PLEASE! Do Not Bring Milk or Dairy Products to the park!** There is no ice available to cool lunches or drinks. This box will not be reloaded or returned to you after lunch, but will be disposed of properly.
4. Your schedule includes a 30-minute break for a picnic lunch in the park. Your parent tour guide will lead your class to the lunch area at your scheduled time. For your convenience, the Lunch and Concessions Area, the Panoply Store and portable restrooms are located together in one site designated for *Panoply Fifth Grade Days*.
5. When it is time for your class to eat and your parent tour guide has seated your group in the Lunch Area, please assign 2 students to assist the Lunch Area volunteers in bringing your food & drinks from the Lunch Tent.
6. Students who wish to purchase food, drinks or souvenirs from the Concessions Area or the Panoply Store (located right near the Lunch area) may do so during your class's designated lunch period. Please refer to this publication for concession and souvenir prices, **Please provide each student with a copy of the concessions and souvenirs listing to prepare them and their parents for their purchases.**
7. Restroom breaks may be taken at lunchtime, but students **MAY NOT** attend a performance or Student Art Tent during their scheduled lunch period. Concessions and souvenir purchases are permitted only during your designated lunch period.
8. Teachers and chaperones **MUST** stay with their students in the Lunch and Concessions Area until your parent tour guide leads your class to attend the next event.
9. Buffalo Rock offers pre-ordered lunches. Please contact Rachel Cryer Shaw at the Buffalo Rock Company 256-721-2836 for more information.
10. Label ALL boxes containing lunches **on at least 2 sides** with your school name, **NO ABBREVIATIONS**, and teacher name in order to transport your **paper sack lunches** only and have them ready to go for your tour date. **REMEMBER: THESE BOXES MUST BE LIGHT ENOUGH FOR ONE PERSON TO CARRY.**

CLEAN-UP AREA

1. Everything your class brings for lunch must be disposed of properly at the end of your lunch break. Cardboard LUNCH and DRINK boxes will not be re-loaded onto buses.
2. Please help the volunteer lunch crew by cleaning up your area after you and your class has lunch. Make sure all paper and trash is properly disposed of before leaving the area.
3. Operation Green Team promotes a litter free park in addition to recycling and will be offering special recognition for schools that do a good job cleaning up their area.

ENTERTAINMENT

All students will see a variety of performances in drama, music and dance in addition to experiencing the visual arts while in the park. In March 2012 an Educational Guide will be available online for all teachers. This guide will help you prepare your students for what they will see and provide helpful materials to link your experiences at Panoply to your daily curriculum and will ensure that every classrooms experience is unique!

WEATHER

Panoply Fifth Grade Days will go on rain or shine; please use the following guidelines in planning your visit:

1. Teachers are encouraged to check the weather forecast prior to coming to Panoply. If severe weather is forecast to occur during the time of departure, schools should use their discretion in determining whether or not to come to the park at that time. If principals and teachers decide not to come to *Panoply Fifth Grade Days*, teachers should notify The Arts Council at 519-2787 immediately.
2. The safety and welfare of students is of utmost importance to The Arts Council and to Panoply Arts Festival. Therefore, if rain with lightning or if severe weather moves into the area, the park will be closed and students will be evacuated. Arriving buses will not be allowed to unload children, but will be diverted back to their schools of origin.
3. Teachers and principals should confer with bus drivers if a decision is made to delay departure from the school to the park; many buses are booked to pick up and deliver students at more than one school. Delays should be no more than 15 minutes. If the decision is made to delay arrival by up to 15 minutes, teachers should notify The Arts Council at 519-2787 immediately.
4. If light rain or drizzle is expected, children and chaperones should plan to bring their own raincoats and umbrellas, as well as suitable footwear for wet weather.
5. If bad weather has not moved into the area, but has been forecast for *Panoply Fifth Grade Days*, bus drivers should be instructed to remain near their buses in case of evacuation.
6. If the decision is made to close the park and evacuate students, an announcement will be made at each of the stages. A Panoply Arts Festival representative will notify any classes that are in the Student Art Tent or in the lunch area.
7. If for any reason your school or class chooses not to attend *Panoply Fifth Grade Days*; PLEASE notify The Arts Council immediately to inform us of your change in plans.

CONCESSIONS & SOUVENIRS AVAILABLE AT FIFTH GRADE DAYS

(Please note this pricing is from 2011 and is subject to change-all changes will be noted no later than April 1, 2012)

Buffalo Rock

Hamburger	\$3.00
Cheeseburger	\$3.00
Hot Dog	\$2.00
Big Grab Bag of Chips	\$1.00
Purity Ice Cream	\$1.00
20 oz. Pepsi product bottle (including bottled water)	\$2.00
Chicken Tender Basket (includes Tenders and fries)	\$7.50
Funnel Cakes	\$4.00
Ribbon Fries	\$4.00

Curly Fries Basket	\$4.00
Curly Fries Basket with Cheese	\$4.50
Nachos	\$4.00
Frozen Lifesaver Drink - Small	\$4.00
Frozen Lifesaver Drink – 32 oz. Souvenir Cup	\$8.00

Domino's Pizza

Large slice of Cheese Pizza	\$2.00
Large slice of Pepperoni Pizza	\$2.00
20 oz. Pepsi drink products (including bottled water)	\$2.00

Panoply Store

Panoply 2012 T –Shirts Youth Sizes	\$ 8.00
Adult Sizes S, M, L, XL, 2XL	\$10.00
Long Sleeve Adult S, M, L, XL	\$12.00

Other Novelty items for sale range in prices from \$1.00 - \$12.00

CASH OR CREDIT CARD ONLY!

Panoply Stores will gladly accept all major credit cards, but most Food Vendors only take cash!

**PANOPLY WEEKEND
APRIL 27-April 29, 2012**

Children's make and take activities are FREE!
GREAT Performances!

**Panoply Arts Festival is FREE for all children 12 and under.
A weekend Panopass is \$10 and a day pass is \$5.**

THANK YOU

TO THOSE WHO MAKE PANOPLY FIFTH GRADE DAYS POSSIBLE!

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