Thank you for choosing the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve for your field trip!

At the Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve, students learn about southwest archeology, rock art, and the prehistoric cultures of Arizona who left their marks here between 500 and 7,000 years ago. They are encouraged to think more deeply about history, social studies, cultural diversity, art, desert ecology and geology. The Preserve is the gateway to Arizona’s rich archaeological past, and serves to connect the past to the present. Using the over 1600 petroglyphs, students will understand that rock art is a window to the world of ancient peoples and that there are multiple interpretations for thinking about rock art meaning.

Your tour is scheduled for 1 hour and 45 minutes. You will participate in the following activities:

- Tour of the museum exhibit.
- Visit to the petroglyph site and nature preserve.
- Mesquite pod grinding with manos and metates.
- Take home activity.

be prepared:

- Wear comfortable, closed-toe shoes, sunscreen and hats.
- Bring and drink plenty of water.
- Make name tags for students and chaperons.

before arriving:

- Divide the class into smaller groups of approximately 15 students.
- Designate one person to check in at the front desk and handle payment. The Preserve accepts cash, check, credit card (Visa, MasterCard and American Express) and purchase orders due on your tour date.

chaperons:

- Please bring one chaperone for every five students at no charge.
- Let chaperons know in advance which students they will be responsible for during the tour.
- Chaperons and teachers are responsible for student behavior for the entire duration of the visit. This includes bathroom breaks, lunch, shopping in the gift shop, boarding the bus, etc.
- Please be sure to turn off cell phones before the tour begins.

site etiquette:

- Stay on the trail at all times. Do not touch, sit, or climb on the rocks.
- Do not feed or harm the wildlife.
- Place trash in the appropriate containers.
- Do not smoke on the trail or inside the facilities.
- Follow instructions from the tour guide.
- Take photographs, but keep them for personal use only.
- The Deer Valley Petroglyph Preserve reserves the right to remove from the tour any student who refuses to follow instructions and/or engages in behaviors that damage the site, are unsafe to themselves or others, or disrupt the experience of other visitors.
lunches:
You are welcome to stay and eat lunch after your tour. We have an outdoor amphitheater that seats 40-50 people and a picnic area that seats 12-15. Food is not offered for purchase onsite.

gift shop:
We have a small gift shop with moderately-priced items (books, toys, pencils, postcards, etc.). You may allow your students to look in the gift shop after the tour. Please assign chaperons to supervise students near shop area.

directions and map:
The Preserve is located at 3711 W. Deer Valley Road, Phoenix 85308, approximately 2 miles north of Loop 101 and 2 miles west of I-17.

Please call if you need help finding us: (623) 582-8007.

from I-17 North:
Take the Deer Valley Rd. exit. Turn left onto Deer Valley Road. Go past 35th Avenue and the Preserve’s front entrance will be two blocks down on the right-hand side (look for the sign).

from Loop 101 East (Glendale, Peoria, Sun City):
Take the 35th Avenue exit. Turn left onto 35th Avenue and continue to Deer Valley Road. Turn left onto Deer Valley Road. The Preserve’s front entrance will be two blocks west of 35th Ave. on the right-hand side.

from Loop 101 West (Scottsdale, Paradise Valley):
Take the 27th Avenue exit. Stay on the frontage road to 35th Avenue. Go right on 35th Avenue to Deer Valley Road. Turn left onto Deer Valley Road. The Preserve’s front entrance will be two blocks down on the right-hand side.