



### **Chaperone Guide: Guidelines for a Successful Visit**

To maximize your students' learning and enjoyment, please follow these helpful hints:

- High levels of chaperone assistance and supervision are necessary for all activities. Your students will learn the most and receive the most enjoyment out of the activities with continuous involvement, leadership, and guidance from teachers and adult chaperones.
- Suggested grade levels are approximate: it may be necessary to gauge your students' abilities and adjust the level of assistance appropriately. Most often, students will need help navigating The Gardens and with reading and comprehension.
- All activities are designed to be group-oriented. Students will benefit most if all members of the group participate. Encourage students to take turns reading directions aloud, handling group tools, etc.
- Enjoy the Gardens by remaining outdoors. The Gift Shop and covered rental areas (the Garden Canopy, Inn, Welcome Garden Canopy, and Stage) are reserved and maintained for rental purposes.
- **Restroom Locations: behind the Gift Shop, behind the Inn (log cabin), and near the Garden Railroad and Snack Shop. Additionally, Port-o-Lets can be found east of the stage, on the top of the hill.**
- Respect the inhabitants of the Gardens by refraining from feeding, chasing, or attempting to catch or touch any animals (including geese, ducks, frogs, rabbits, and squirrels).
- Allow future guests to enjoy the plantings by only collecting material which has already fallen to the ground.
- Look for identification labels on the plants and trees to help locate specific plants.
- If completing a Hudson Explorers activity, remind students not to look at the sun through the magnifying glasses (doing so may cause injury to the eyes).
- Exercise caution by avoiding sprinklers, hoses, and ponds. We use non-potable water that is unsafe for hands and drinking.
- In case of emergency, please go to the Gift Shop immediately. Emergency supplies are available for teachers and chaperones to administer.

## **Enjoy your visit to The Hudson Gardens!**