



Guided Visit FAQ Winter and Spring 2024

We are thrilled to launch a new, guided K-12 visit program during the 2023–24 school year! Thank you for being part of this exciting new experience for students. Please review the information below. If you have additional questions, contact tours@pam.org.

Who facilitates the visits?

Learning Guides are paid, college-student interns who are trained by PAM staff to facilitate K-12 student experiences in the Museum. They are current students at Lewis and Clark College, Portland Community College, and Portland State University.

What will the visit include?

Guides engage small groups of students in interactive, student-centered experiences with art. Your students will practice close looking and visual analysis, self-reflection and critical thinking, listening and sharing ideas through discussion and activities such as sketching, writing, and movement.

Guided visits may include time in any current exhibition. Please let us know your preferences and we will do our best to accommodate.

When are guided visits available and what is their length?

We offer 45-minute, guided tours on Fridays at 10:15, 11:15, 12:15 and 1:30. In addition, guides are available on Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. to provide support and facilitation for self-guided visits, as teachers and students desire. Find available times and reserve your visit in the [online tour reservation system](#).

Can we remain in the Museum for self-guided time after the guided visit?

Yes, your class is welcome to stay for self-guided time after the tour. However, we ask that you please give space to any guided visits that may be going on. Please add a comment to your reservation request noting if you'll arrive early or stay later.

How should I prepare my students?

- Please review the [Museum Agreements and Expectations](#).
- Let students know that PAM staff are excited to welcome them to the Museum and that their visit will be participatory—not a lecture.

- Before your visit, introduce the exhibitions through resources on the [exhibition webpages](#) and the [Poster Project](#). ([Carrie Mae Weems' Untitled](#) and [Isaka Shamsud-Din's Rock of Ages](#) are both in *Black Artists of Oregon!*)
- On the day of your visit, **divide students into groups** of 6 - 12 students each before you enter the Museum. We will normally provide four facilitators, so, in most cases, it makes sense to divide the class into four groups. We are glad to make adjustments based on your preferences and the size of your group.
- Please have your students wear nametags, if school policy permits.

Please send questions and reflections to tours@pam.org. We are grateful for your feedback and advice as we pilot and develop this new program. Thank you for bringing your students to the Portland Art Museum!