TOUR GUIDELINES
MISSISSIPPI STATE PENITENTIARY

Welcome to the Mississippi State Penitentiary (MSP), a prison facility of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC). Your participation in this facility’s tour will allow you to become better informed about the serious responsibilities of our state’s prison system and how it serves our society.

Your tour coordinator has discussed areas which you will be permitted to observe. If this has not been explained, please ensure that it is clarified before the tour begins. Due to the nature and responsibilities of the facility, certain access and conduct restrictions are necessary. While every effort will be made to ensure an educational and informative tour, circumstances may arise which require itinerary modification.

Visitors are required to conduct themselves in a professional manner. Refrain from engaging in communications with prisoners and do not accept anything from, or give anything to a prisoner except as may be authorized by the tour director. All female visitors should be instructed to wear pants or dresses no more than three (3) inches above the knees. No shorts or miniskirts (please). In addition, any visitors who are ex-offenders or any correctional facility must receive prior approval of MDOC’s Superintendent to tour this institution.

You are entering a prison. The mission of this facility is to secure custody, care and essential needs, encourage rehabilitation and provide essential health care for offenders convicted by, and incarcerated at the order of the courts. The prison’s mission also includes a public safety obligation to visitors, residents of the surrounding communities, staff and prisoners. The security obligation is our foremost responsibility.

Tour sponsors/chaperones are responsible for maintaining constant and accurate accountability of their charges. Should a tour participant become separated from the group, notify the tour director immediately!

Sponsors/chaperones are expected to inform their charges: Section 47-5-193 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 addresses contraband and the prison. Possession of contraband on the grounds of a prison facility may result in a felony conviction.

Cell phones, cameras, cassette recorders/radios, etc., excessive amounts of jewelry (no dangling earrings – stud type only), knives and/or “extra” clothing are not allowed on tours of the penitentiary. No purses may be taken inside an inmate housing unit.

(Your safety and enlightenment are our goals)
RULES AND REGULATIONS

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE 14 YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER

A PICTURE ID IS REQUIRED (state id or school id)

NO CAMERAS OR ELECTRONIC DEVICES

NO CAPS

NO BLUE OR RED SHOE LACES

ALL PANTS MUST BE WORN WITH BELTS

ALL TEE-SHIRTS TUCKED INSIDE

NO SHORTS

NO MINI-SKIRTS

NO TANK TOPS

NO TIGHTS, LEGGINGS OR “SKINNY” JEANS

NO CELL PHONES

NO MEDICINE UNLESS PRIOR APPROVAL

TOBACCO-FREE WORKPLACE, NO TABACCO PRODUCTS ARE ALLOWED ON THE MISSISSIPPI STATE PENITENTIARY GROUNDS.

These restrictions are strictly enforced. Any violators will be escorted from the
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2017 Odom Hall  
PO Box 1848  
University, Ms. 38677

FROM: Raynette Wells, Welcome Center Manager  
Post Office Box 87  
Parchman, Mississippi 38738

RE: TOUR WAIVER OF LIABILITY

This will certify that the sponsors, employees, chaperones and each participant of a scheduled tour to a facility of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC) does hereby relieve and free from any and all responsibility any act of violence or misconduct on the part of any person under the employ, care or custody of the MDOC which may occur during the time that tour participants are on MDOC institutional grounds. It is further stipulated that the employees and persons under the care and custody of the MDOC will comply with agency policy in the conducting of this tour.

Further, sponsors and/or chaperones will ensure that each tour participant will comply with policy, procedure, other regulations and guidelines issued by the MDOC as may be applicable to their activities and presence on institutional grounds during this tour.

The tour group is University of Mississippi: REMITS Telephone: 662-915-1998  
Located at (address) 207 Odom Hall, University, MS 38677

The tour sponsor/responsible person is Dr. Linda Keena. The tour shall consist of 50 total persons, consisting of 5 chaperones/sponsors and 50 tour members. 10:30 Apr. 16, 2016.

PARTICIPANT’S SIGNATURE __________________________ DATE __________

ORGANIZATION: ____________________________________________________

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: — NA —
(If applicable)***NOTE: EACH PARTICIPANT MUST PROVIDE THIS WAIVER