

Years ago, students from the Westerville High Schools came to Inniswood Metro Gardens with friends and family to take photos prior to their prom. Over the years this activity has spread to schools throughout central Ohio and surrounding communities. It has become an event for us, and should the weather be favorable, it is possible that we will have well over a thousand students and family members arrive within a few hours, in addition to our regular visitors. As you might imagine, this can present some challenges especially with parking and moving about the grounds.

This is a special time for students and sometimes just being caught up in the excitement of the moment, things get overlooked. Below are a few reminders for students and families; this will help insure that all visitors are safe and have an enjoyable visit to the gardens.

The date of the prom will determine what areas of the Gardens will have the greatest bloom and most suitable backdrop. The Rose Garden provides a terrace and is appropriate for large groups. There will be staff and park rangers located throughout the grounds to assist with parking and facilitate movement in the Gardens. Below are a few reminders for students and families. Please make sure that this information is communicated.

### **PARKING**

- When we fill all spaces, park rangers will wave you on at the main entrance on Hempstead Road. You can return in about 15 minutes for open spots. ***You will NOT be able to drive in for any reason when the lot is full, nor can you stop on Hempstead Road.***
- **CARS MAY NOT BE LEFT IN THE PARKING LOT OVERNIGHT. PARK CLOSSES AT DARK AND VEHICLES WILL BE TOWED IF LEFT.**
- Park in a designated space in the parking lot and walk to the photo spot
- Parking lot is **one-way**
- Speed limit is **20 mph** in the parking lot

### **PHOTOGRAPHY**

- We ask that visitors do not block the paths, enter the garden beds or water features. All visitors must remain on the mowed turf or paved pathways. This is for the safety of all visitors and for the preservation of the gardens.
- Garden structures such as walls, gates, and fences are not available for sitting or standing upon.
- A reminder also to families who bring other children: **tricycles, bicycles, skates, footballs, frisbee, basketballs, etc. and pets are not allowed beyond the parking lot.**

### **TRASH**

- Please do not leave plastic boxes, bags and shredded fillers from corsages/boutonnieres on the grounds. Please use the trash receptacles.

**OTHER VISITORS** - Please remember there are other visitors enjoying Inniswood who are not associated with your school or prom activities. Please be respectful and allow their free movement in the Gardens.

Thank you for helping us in maintaining Inniswood Metro Gardens in the pristine manner to which the public is accustomed. We look forward to seeing you this spring.

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