



Making the Most of Your Field Trip

A field trip is an opportunity for students to link their classroom learning, knowledge and understanding of a subject with outside experiences. These extension activities make learning more relevant and memorable. Your students will get more out of the experience if you build what they learned into your curriculum. An ideal field trip begins with in-class lessons and experiments to prepare students for what they will experience in the field. Post field trip activities will further enhance the learning, knowledge, and understanding gained during the environmental experience.

On our website, www.rockhillrocks.com/Outdoors/default.asp?Type=213 , you will find the list of programs available, the SC standards taught and vocabulary used in the program. Please refer to this website to prepare your students in advance.

Teacher Responsibilities:

- Please have your groups ready at the drop off point, with nametags visible, across from the River Park Maintenance office at the proper time.
- Prepare your students by reviewing program vocabulary.
- Let the students know ahead of time what to expect in their program.
- Explain the behavioral expectations.
- Encourage the students to listen to the presentations, keep their voices down and come willing to learn something new.
- Please maintain a “don’t touch” policy for the students unless the environmental educator has suggested it.

Student Responsibilities:

- Follow the environmental educator’s instructions at all times.
- Stay with the group and on the paths at all times.
- Wear clothes that are comfortable and adequate for any weather changes.
- Please maintain a “don’t touch” policy unless the environmental educator has suggested it.
- Ask questions.
- Respect the environment. We are visitors in the home of others.

Chaperone Responsibilities:

- Know where the members of your group are at all times.
- Resolve any discipline issues.
- Assist participants who have an emergency.
- Make sure all members of the group follow staff rules.
- Participate in and show interest in the programs.
- Model proper behavior.
- Leave siblings or other children at home.
- Please turn off cell phones.