



Wind Wolves Preserve

Outdoor Discovery Program

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION PACKET

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The Wildlands Conservancy's Wind Wolves Preserve (WWP) is excited to host your students for an Outdoor Discovery Program! **Please carefully review the guidelines below and share with other participating teachers and chaperones.** Our policies help us provide an amazing - and safe - field trip experience for your students! Notify us of any changes to your reservation as early as possible. Examples of changes include modified arrival or departure times and increases or decreases in student numbers by 5 or more.

The Outdoor Discovery Program is offered *free of charge*, but donations are always appreciated. We can accept online donations or checks made payable to **"The Wildlands Conservancy."**

Access

Our field trip programs take place in public access areas, but some of our education sites require groups to drive past a locked gate and up to 2 miles on our bike trail (gravel road). The entire group, including chaperones driving separately, *must arrive together* at the Crossing Parking Lot to meet a WWP employee, who will escort your group to the education site. **Late arrivals will not be able to join the program, and early departures are not permitted.** It is your responsibility to inform chaperones of our policy.

Facilities

Your specific education site will be assigned at the discretion of the Education Director and may vary depending on the requested program, group needs, and site conditions. All education sites have a restroom with running, potable water. We recommend all students use the restrooms upon arrival to avoid missing program time on the trails.

Food and Beverages

We do not sell food or drink, so your group is responsible for bringing water bottles, lunches, and snacks. No candy or gum wrappers! We *highly* recommend everyone bring one full water container. Students may refill containers at the restroom. Please note that we are a Leave No Trace facility and do *not* provide public trash cans. **You must bring 2-3 large trash bags and take waste out with you on the school bus.** All food items should be left on the bus during the program (though we encourage students to bring water bottles). If you would like your students to take a snack break, please let WWP staff know when you arrive.

Parking

We have plenty of parking at our Crossing education site, but parking is limited at our Twin Fawns and Willows sites. *We prefer chaperones ride the bus to these locations whenever possible* to reduce the number of vehicles driving on the canyon road, which also serves as a hiking and biking trail. Small groups of individual vehicles may be permitted on the canyon road (carpooling is strongly encouraged).

Safety

We highly recommend bringing sun protection, including a hat, sunscreen, and sunglasses. **For hiking, we suggest wearing long pants, layered clothing, and close-toed walking shoes.** We may get muddy! WWP does have wild animals and hazardous plants (stinging nettle and poison oak). Students should remain on trails behind WWP staff, who will point out any hazards.

Chaperones

If parents would like to join, they must sign up with the school to become a chaperone. **WWP will *not* allow any unregistered parents to attend the program.** Chaperones are responsible for supervising students and assisting WWP staff, as needed. We recommend bringing 1 chaperone for every 10 students. We do not have a minimum requirement, but keep in mind all groups must have at least one non-WWP adult present at all times. **Chaperones are *not* allowed to bring children who are not in your class, including siblings.**

Prohibitions

Smoking, alcohol, knives, and weapons are not allowed at WWP.

Accessibility and Inclusion

Our programs take place on our trail system and involve hiking up to 2 miles on potentially rocky and uneven terrain. If anyone in your group has mobility restrictions or concerns, please let the Education Director know in advance, so we can select the best education site and activities for your needs.

If you would like to request a bilingual guide (English/Spanish), please contact the Education Director at least one month in advance of your visit. Pending staff availability, we may be able to provide translations for individual students, classes, or entire schools.

Inclement Weather

We will host field trips in most weather conditions; however, we also want your students to be comfortable and enjoy their experience outdoors! If we deem weather conditions to be hazardous or too unfavorable (e.g. cold, heat, wind, rain), we will contact you as early as possible. We reserve a few days each year for rescheduling, and may be able to offer your school an alternate date, subject to availability. Keep in mind weather conditions in the canyon can differ from conditions in town. WWP staff may need to make last-minute adjustments to programming, including but not limited to changing location, adjusting content, or shortening field trip duration.

Preparing Students

Please distribute the Parent Letter and remind students to dress appropriately for a day outdoors. WWP is a nature preserve, which protects both the ecological and cultural aspects of this landscape. Please discuss with your students how they can show kindness and respect to the preserve and its inhabitants, such as watching out for bugs on the trail, picking up their trash, and leaving plants, rocks, and animals where they are found.

Questions

If you have any questions or concerns about your field trip, please contact the Education Director at (661) 858-1115 or windwolves_education@wildlandsconservancy.org!