

Tips for a Successful Field Trip!



- ❑ This field trip site operates on a first-come, first-serve basis. *Please confirm your dates promptly!*
- ❑ Plan for adequate supervision of your students. The educators are able to work most effectively with several chaperones present. **A MINIMUM OF 2 CHAPERONES PER CLASS IS PREFERRED.** This is **IN ADDITION** to the classroom teacher.
- ❑ The Lake County Solid Waste Management District staff members are **NOT** required to handle discipline problems *should they arise*.
- ❑ This facility (due to staff and space restrictions) can best support a maximum of 60 students at a time. This total number, however, depends upon the staff available the day of your visit. In general, each educator will accept a group of 30 students. It is possible to bring an entire grade-level over a 2- to 3-day period.
- ❑ Plan to pack a zero-waste lunch! Students can picnic indoors or out, weather depending. Please share the tips for packing a zero-waste lunch with families.
- ❑ Encourage students to dress appropriately especially if some of the day's activities will take place outdoors. "Play clothes" appropriate for school wear, socks and tennis shoes are recommended.
- ❑ If going outdoors, remind students not to handle plants or animals and to remain on the trails at all times. Collecting / keeping items from the trails is prohibited.
- ❑ Be aware of and prepared to handle any medical emergencies. For example, are any of your students allergic to insect bites? Do you have any nut allergies? How severe are the allergies? *Please bring a first-aid kit with you if possible.*
- ❑ Students are responsible for anything they wish to bring: backpacks, coats, cameras, insect spray, etc...
- ❑ Programming is provided by the Lake County Solid Waste Management District at no cost to your school! Should you need to cancel your visit for any reason, please give notice as soon as possible by contacting the Education Coordinators:

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We are looking forward to hosting your group! The facility will be available for your use on the date(s) we have confirmed with you. A staff member will greet you at the front doors. Our facility will be closed and the front doors locked to the public during your field trip. Please refer to the contact information above and don't hesitate to call / email us with any further questions or suggestions!