The “Need to Know” Document

Thanks for booking a program with us; we look forward to the trip. Please read the following to ensure a successful day out for you and your students.

WE ARE COMING TO PICK YOU UP!...So don’t book a bus.
The program includes transportation. We have reserved School District buses for the trip days. Please ensure that we are aware of your school hours so we can try to work within that time frame. The bus will arrive at your school between 8:45 – 9:00 to make sure that the bus will get your class to the entrance to the upper watershed for a 10am start.

NOTE: School District 69 requires teachers to fill out the bus forms themselves even though the buses are booked and paid for by our program. Please contact Kimberly at 250-954-3022 or kbarron@sd69.bc.ca

It’s difficult for us to estimate what time the bus will return you to your school. The plan is for you to leave the second site of the field trip -- Englishman River (SD69) or Nanaimo River (SD68) Regional Park -- at 2:10 pm.

GROUP SIZE
We believe in small group learning so we are only able to accommodate one class at a time – maximum 30 students. Please make sure that you have at least one other adult with you (a maximum of 3).

THE WATERSHED DISCOVERY KIT and the TEACHER RESOURCE & ACTIVITY GUIDE
A Watershed Discovery Kit will be arriving at your school (2-weeks before your field trip).

You can keep the guide and one (1) of the maps if you like. The maps are not laminated due to cost so please do your best to preserve them for the next class – i.e. no spills, rips, wrinkles, mark-ups.

Please return the rest of the kit materials when you attend your field trip. To take a sneak peak at the Teacher Resource & Activity Guide visit our webpage (www.dwwp.ca) and go to the PROJECTS section, and click on SCHOOL EDUCATION. See the next section for more details about what you can expect to find inside the kit. Please note that we have a limited number of kits and rely on you returning it on time so that we can share it with the next group. You may be charged $50 if you do not return your kit on-time. Thanks for your understanding.

A 3-PART PROGRAM
We see this as a 3-part program. The kit will contain a number of pre- and post-trip lessons that we hope you will find useful before and after your visit to the watershed. Most of the materials you will need are included in the kit.
PART 1: Pre-Trip:
The pre-trip activities are about preparing for the day and providing context for the field trip experience. Our goal is to have you introduce the topics and stir a sense of wonder by getting students predicting, guessing; stimulating their curiosity.

PART 2: Field Trip:
Leave this part up to us. We’ve got all kinds of engaging, hands-on, outdoor learning experiences planned for the day of your trip.

PART 3: Post-Trip:
The post-trip activities are about reflecting on experiences and making meaningful and relevant connections, while creating opportunities for student assessment. We’d be thrilled if you choose to share any student reflections with us.

PARENT/GUARDIAN CONSENT FORMS
A template Parent/Guardian Consent form can be found on page 21 of the Teacher Resource & Activity Guide. This will be coming to you by mail, but if you’d like to use it right away, the form is available on our webpage. You can download and print the PDF.

FURTHER QUESTION/COMMENTS

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