



CHAPERONE GUIDE

FOR SCHOOL FIELD TRIPS

Thank you for being a chaperone for your visit to The Living Desert Zoo and Gardens! We are excited to work with you to ensure that your group's visit is Wonderfully Wild!



Responsibilities

Chaperones are responsible for the behavior and safety of the students under their supervision and are always required to stay with their assigned group. Your full attention will be needed to make sure this is a successful visit. Chaperones are held responsible for the behavior and conduct of their students and any behavior that endangers our animals, staff, or other guests will result in your group's dismissal from the zoo.



Stay With Your Group

All students (ages K-12th grade) must be supervised at all times by a chaperone. You are responsible for keeping all of the students in your group together while walking on the designated pathways of the zoo grounds. This is especially important in our animal interaction areas such as the Petting Kraal and Australian Adventures.



Respect Our Animals, Gardens, Guests, and Grounds

Remind students to use their walking feet while they stay on the designated paths to avoid stepping on our gardens. Gently remind your students to observe quietly and to not climb on our animal habitats or railings. Please help ensure a quality experience for all guests and have your students be respectful and courteous to everyone.



Leave No Trace

Make sure to keep the zoo looking the way you found it when you arrived. Help keep our zoo clean and dispose of waste and recyclables in the labeled bins. Please remind students to respect nature by refraining from picking any of the leaves, flowers or other plant parts from around our gardens, and to observe and not disturb our native wildlife that also calls The Living Desert their home.



If at any time during your visit you require assistance, please find the nearest staff person who can assist, or you can call or text the School Field Trips Cellphone at 760-636-3473.



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Talk with the lead teacher ahead of time to learn your responsibilities as a chaperone. Write down meeting times, lunch times, locations, and bus information. Know the students in your group, and make sure they know your name, too! Remember to bring a reusable water bottle to refill during your visit and dress appropriately for the weather. Closed-toed shoes and sun-protection like sunscreen and a hat are encouraged as is dressing in layers during our cooler winter months.

FIELD TRIP INFORMATION

TEACHER'S NAME:

TEACHER'S CELL NUMBER:

CHAPERONE'S NAME:

OUR SCHEDULE

ARRIVAL

TIME:

LOCATION:

LUNCH

TIME:

LOCATION:

DEPARTURE

TIME:

LOCATION:

ASSIGNED STUDENTS

NAME:

NAME:

NAME:

NAME:

NAME:
