



## Springs Preserve Field Trip Guidelines & Acknowledgement

### Chaperones

1. We have a minimum of 1 chaperone per 30 students and a maximum of 1 chaperone per every 5 students. Additional chaperones going above the 1:5 ratio will be required to pay for a ticket. The exception to this rule is students with disabilities, for whom we will allocate as many adults as are necessary for the safety and comfort of the child. Please alert the Springs Preserve staff if your school needs to take advantage of this allotment.
2. For the safety of the students, a chaperone must be with them at all times. **If Springs Preserve staff observe a group of students from your school on property with no adult, a letter will be sent to your school administration, and your school will not be invited back the following year.**
3. Each school will be provided with a written copy of our Chaperone Expectations, which must be signed by all adults attending the field trip. You may turn these papers (or paper) into the staff member at the podium when you check in on campus.

### Lunches

You are welcome to eat your lunches on property, but please keep in mind the following:

1. The Springs Preserve will not provide any storage for your lunches while you are on your tour.
2. Our shady areas are limited. There are likely to be other schools on the grounds while your trip is going on, seating areas are first come, first served.
3. You, or more specifically your students, are responsible for cleaning up after your lunches. **If we find a significant amount of litter on our property after your departure, a letter will be sent to your administrator and you will not be invited back the following year.**

### Grounds

1. The Preserves feature an exciting array of wildlife and plants. Many are extremely cool and should be pointed out to students as “teachable moments.” None should be touched, as they are all preloaded with an assortment of spines, spikes, teeth, and other potentially painful features.
2. We are smack in the middle of the Mojave desert. It is likely to be both hot and dry. We encourage everyone to bring water bottles that are full of water and to drink that water. However, other beverages are not allowed in our museum spaces. Hats, sunscreen, comfortable shoes and other protective gear are encouraged. We want you to be safe, comfortable, and happy!

3. Please be aware and respectful of the fact that we have other visitors to the Preserves; both paying guests and other schools. Be mindful of blocking exhibits and guests, as well as aware of your “level of running amok.”
4. Field trips run from 10:00-12:00. Any field trips arriving outside of these standard hours will be scheduled on a case by case basis.

Check-In

1. All schools must check in at the podium located next to the ticket window. You will be asked how many students and how many adults you have with you. Please have these numbers prepared in advance.

**In case of emergency: call Springs Preserve Security 702-258-7101**

**By signing this document I acknowledge that I have read and understood the Springs Preserve field trip guidelines, and agree to abide by them. Furthermore, I certify that I have read the material provided on the Teach the Teacher webpage and have reviewed it with my team and chaperones.**

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**Name**

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**Date**

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**School**