

FIELD TRIP RULES

Living Coast Discovery Center

Please review these guidelines with your students in class before your field trip.

- Every student must submit a signed liability release form in order to attend the field trip.
- **Students should wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes that are good for walking (no sandals).** They should dress in warm layers, and wear sunscreen and a hat.
- **Students should not yell or speak loudly** during the trip, as this startles the animals. They should walk and talk quietly near all of the exhibits.
- **Students are not permitted to run or climb-on** any walls, benches, or exhibits. In natural preserves and refuges we must stay on designated pathways rather than take shortcuts.
- **Natural objects such as stones, flowers, feathers and bugs must be left behind unharmed.** This is part of learning to respect living things, as well as natural, historical, and cultural features of a site.
- **With your permission, students who brought cash will be permitted to visit the Gift Shop.** They may only enter the Gift Shop with an adult chaperone accompanying them and in groups of no more than 5 students at a time.
- Students may take photos, provided that cameras do not cause a distraction to other students or a disruption to wildlife. **Students are not permitted to bring any type of electronic game or cell phone.**
- The Discovery Center will still be open to the general public during the field trip. **Students should be respectful and mindful of the other guests.**
- **Do not touch any exhibit glass,** as this causes undue stress to the animals and can be harmful.
- **Hands must be rinsed with clean water before and after use of the Touch Tank.** Remind students to touch softly and warn them not to restrain, grab, or pick-up any of the animals. It is especially important not to run near the Touch Tank since the floor could be damp.
- **When entering the Shorebird Exhibit please close exhibit doors quickly.** Because most of the birds could not survive on their own in the wild, it is important that they do not escape from their enclosures.
- **Students must stay with the group and follow directions** provided by Ocean Connectors and Discovery Center staff members at all times.