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 trip.
- Students should wear comfortable, closed-toed shoes that are good for walking (no sandals). They should dress in layers, and wear sunscreen and a hat.
- Students should not yell or speak loudly during the trip, as this startles the animals. Students 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 exhibit glass, as this causes undue stress to the animals and can be harmful to their health.
- Hands must be rinsed with clean water before and after use of the touch tanks. 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 or yell near the touch tanks.
- When entering the shorebird area, please close exhibit doors quickly. Because many of the birds were rescued and could not survive on their own in the wild, it is important that they do not escape.
- Students must stay with the group and follow directions provided by Ocean Connectors instructors and Discovery Center staff members at all times.