

# CHAPERONE INFORMATION FOR YOUR FIELD TRIP

Thank you for chaperoning a field trip! Your field trip participation is critical to ensuring that all students have a safe and enjoyable educational experience.

**Before your visit begins, be sure you get the following from the teacher/group leader.**

Phone number of teacher/group leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Printout of the field trip map OR pull up the interactive Zoo map on your cell phone!  
[www.marylandzoo.org/interactive-map/](http://www.marylandzoo.org/interactive-map/) Scan the QR code to take you to the interactive map.



Names of the students in your group:

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Time to be back at the parking lot: \_\_\_\_\_

## PLAN AHEAD!

Find out from the lead teacher ahead of time the plan for lunch, and where and when you should all meet at the end of the day.

Keep in mind that it can take 20 minutes *or more* to move from the center of the Zoo up to the Main Gate!

## LOST ITEMS

Turn in or claim lost items at The Wild Things Gift Shop at the Zoo's Main Entrance.

## MOBILITY CART

The large Zoo Shuttle, which moved visitors from Zoo Central to the Main Gate is no longer in operation. A smaller Mobility Cart is available, however, for those who have a specific mobility need. Ask any Zoo staff member or volunteer to radio for the Mobility Cart if a member of your group needs this service to travel back up to the Main Gate.

**We want everyone to have a fun, safe, and educational Zoo visit. For the safety of your students, other visitors, and the animals, please ensure that all students under your supervision follow the following field trip rules:**



**Respect the animals.** Please do not yell or throw things at the animals or bang on their enclosures. Keep in mind that you may not see all the animals during your visit. All animals have access to off-exhibit areas and may not be visible.

**Do not feed the animals.** They are on special diets, and other food can harm them.

**Stay with your designated group** at all times, regardless of students' ages. ALL students visiting as part of a school group must be directly supervised by adult chaperones.

**Wear masks** in designated mask zones.

**Do not cross** fences or railings.

**Seek assistance** from any Zoo staff member or volunteer if a member of your group becomes **lost** or if you need **first aid or other emergency assistance**. They will contact a Zoo Security officer to help you.

**Please help keep the Zoo clean** by placing litter in the proper trash/recycling receptacles.

**Do not attempt to retrieve** any items that fall into an exhibit. Zoo staff will retrieve it for you.

**Directly supervise students** in the Gift Shop at all times.

**Be respectful of other guests.** Please refrain from running, shouting, pushing, or use of offensive language.

**HAVE A GREAT VISIT!**