



Field Trip Instructions for Chaperones

Thank you for volunteering to chaperone the upcoming field trip to the Splash Center at Mather Field! We applaud your willingness to take time out of your busy schedule and participate in a day of fun, hands-on learning. Chaperones can be a huge help to our Splash guides, so we want you to know what to expect and to understand your role on the field trip.

We ask classes to arrive at the Splash Center between 9:15 and 9:30 a.m. Another class, either from your school or from a different school, will arrive at about the same time. Upon arrival, please keep your students on the bus or in vehicles to await further instructions. This avoids chaos in the parking lot.

The field trip is divided into a field segment at the vernal pools and a lab segment at the Splash Center. At 9:30, one class will go to the vernal pools, while the other goes to the Splash Center. At 11:00, the classes will switch places. This is a good opportunity for a bathroom break and a snack. We will ask for your help in passing out snacks, chaperoning the students in the bathrooms, and generally keeping things under control during the break. After the second segment of the trip, the field trip will end at 12:30.

During the field trip, you will chaperone one group of ~10 students. Your group will be led through the indoor and outdoor segments of the field trip by the same Splash guide. You can help your Splash guide tremendously by following these guidelines:

- ❖ DO participate in the field trip. Children learn by example and are influenced by an adult who is interested and engaged in learning. (But keep in mind that the field trip is for the benefit of the kids, so let them answer questions and do activities first! 😊)
- ❖ DON'T distract the students. Please refrain from using your cell phone, talking while a Splash guide is talking, or doing anything that might prevent the students from fully engaging in the learning process.
- ❖ DO act as an authority figure. Keep an eye out for disruptive behavior and be prepared to support the Splash guide in handling it.
- ❖ DO call the Splash Center at (916) 364-2437 if you get lost on the way.

Once again, thanks for stepping up to the plate and being a chaperone. We'll see you at the pools!

---The Staff of Sacramento Splash



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