



Wind Wolves Preserve

Outdoor Discovery Program

FIELD TRIP PACKET

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The Wildlands Conservancy (TWC) was founded as a California nonprofit public benefit organization in 1995. **Our mission** is “To preserve the beauty and biodiversity of the earth, and to provide programs so children may know the wonder and joy of nature.”

The Outdoor Discovery Program at Wind Wolves Preserve (WWP) is a nature-based field trip experience that encourages children to discover the wonders of the outdoors. Individual programs for grades K-12 are available, and all follow the Next Generation Science Standards and Common Core Standards. Programs are offered from September through June, and custom designed programs are offered year-round.

For any inquiries, please call (661) 858-1115 or email Melissa Dabulamanzani (Outdoor Education Director) at Melissa.d@twc-ca.org or Linda Vasquez (Outdoor Education Coordinator) at Linda.v@twc-ca.org.

Guidelines for all Teachers – **MUST READ**

Your Reservation: If there are any changes to your reservation, such as arrival/departure time, or the number of students changed by more than 5 students, please inform us at least 3 days **BEFORE** your trip! This helps us adjust the number of staff and program preparation for your group.

Access to Wind Wolves Preserve: All education programs take place beyond a locked gate. The entire school group, including chaperones driving separately, must arrive together to meet a TWC employee at the main canyon parking lot to be escorted to the education sites. It is important for your group to arrive and depart together to receive the escort. ***Late arrivals will not be able to join the program, and early departures are not permitted. It is your responsibility to pass this information to ALL staff and chaperones.***

Facilities: Our facilities include restrooms, shade structures, and picnic tables. Potable water is available at all restroom facilities. Food and drinks are not available. You are responsible for providing lunch and snacks.

Prohibitions: Smoking, alcohol, knives or weapons, candy and gum are not allowed at WWP.

Chaperones: Chaperones are responsible for supervising the students and helping the TWC naturalists when needed during the program. Chaperones are ***not allowed*** to bring children that are not students participating in the program to Wind Wolves Preserve. We recommend 1 chaperone for every 10 students. Chaperones **MUST** arrive and depart with the school busses if they are driving separately. No more than 8 cars are allowed to accommodate the busses to the education sites, due to limited parking.

Water: Hiking outdoors can easily lead to dehydration. Everyone must bring a large, full water container. You may refill your container from the faucets. Wind Wolves Preserve does not provide water bottles.

Clothing: We recommend that all participants wear layered clothing and closed-toe walking shoes. Bring a hat and sunscreen.

Leave No Trace: Bring to 2-3 large trash bags to pack out your trash. Trash cans are not provided!



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Common Questions and FAQs

- **How can I prepare my students for the trip?**
 - Go over the program study guide with them! This will give them a little background and familiarity with vocabulary words for the program.
- **Will there be food and water provided?**
 - No, you must bring your own lunches, snacks, and water. Our biggest issue is students coming to the preserve without water. Please plan with your school to bring extra water bottles for students that come unprepared.
- **Are there trashcans available?**
 - No! Please bring 2-3 large, sturdy trash bags. We are a leave no trace facility, so it is your responsibility to take the trash with you when you leave.
- **Is the entire program outside?**
 - Yes! Prepare for the weather. There is a large shade structure that provides shelter for lunchtime, but the program itself happens on the dirt trails. Prepare to possibly get dirty and muddy!
- **Will there be a visitor center or a store to buy food or gifts?**
 - No, there is no food or merchandise available. Our programs embrace the beauty of the outdoors!
- **What happens if it rains or snows?**
 - We'll have fun! Our naturalists are prepared to teach in all weather conditions, so come prepared yourselves! Cancellations only occur if the weather is too extreme and puts everyone at risk, such as severe rainstorms, lightening, and/or flash flooding.
- **Are there wild animals and dangerous plants at Wind Wolves Preserve?**
 - Yes, all animals at Wind Wolves are wild and free. This land is managed for your enjoyment and the protection of native animals and plants that live here. If you are fortunate enough to see wildlife, exercise caution and follow your naturalist's instructions, but enjoy the experience! Hazardous plants are also present, such as poison oak, stinging nettle, and datura. Your naturalist will point out these plants to you and the students so they can be avoided.
- **Can parents join the program at any time?**
 - No, because the program occurs beyond a locked gate. Only registered chaperones may attend the program with the school, and they must arrive and depart with the bus! If a parent wants to join, they must sign up as a chaperone and be ready to help!
- **Can additional siblings join the program?**
 - No, the program is designed for the students only. Siblings tend to distract the students, and their parents, from the program.
- **Is this field trip free?**
 - Yes! Our programs are provided at no cost. Donations of \$5 per student are greatly appreciated and will contribute to the education programs at Wind Wolves Preserve.

We look forward to your visit and encourage you to share your ideas with us!

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Teachers: Distribute this page to ALL parents and registered chaperones

LETTER TO PARENTS – MUST READ

Great news! Your child will attend a Wind Wolves Preserve Outdoor Education program! Your child should wear layers and closed-toe shoes to be prepared for all weather conditions. Wind Wolves Preserve is a nature preserve; therefore there is a strong possibility of getting dirty! *If you want to attend this field trip with your child, you **MUST** sign up through your child's teacher or school and participate as a chaperone.*

Essential Items:

- ✓ A full water bottle or canteen
- ✓ Tennis shoes or hiking boots (no sandals)
- ✓ Long pants are recommended
- ✓ A sweater or jacket
- ✓ Lunch and extra snacks
- ✓ Hat and Sunscreen
- ✓ Raincoat/Poncho if rain is forecasted
- ✓ Any necessary prescribed medications

Do NOT Bring:

- Gum
- Candy
- Knives or weapons

THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR STUDENT'S PERSONAL ITEMS.

Emergency Information

Location: Wind Wolves Preserve **Office Phone number:** (661) 858-1115

Address: 16019 Maricopa Hwy. Bakersfield, CA 93311. **Cell reception is limited. Call WWP office first.**

LETTER TO CHAPERONES – MUST READ

By signing up as a chaperone for this field trip, your role will assist in supervising a group of approximately 25 students during their visit to Wind Wolves Preserve.

- ✓ You will be hiking up to two miles at about 2,000' elevation.
- ✓ Chaperones must stay with their group at all times.
- ✓ Chaperones must keep the group together and stay with the students at all times. Our naturalists are there to provide the program, while you are responsible for the behavior of all students you are chaperoning.
- ✓ If there is more than one adult accompanying the group, please do not socialize while the naturalist is conducting lessons.
- ✓ Chaperones are **not allowed** to bring children that are not students participating in the program to Wind Wolves Preserve. If chaperones are too busy caring for their other children, then they cannot focus on their responsibilities as a chaperone for the school group.

Be aware of the restrictions and guidelines that are required by Wind Wolves Preserve:

- No smoking, alcohol, candy, gum, knives or weapons.
- Walk on the trails only, and stay behind the naturalist.
- Leave all rocks and archeological artifacts where found.
- Do not pick any plants or handle any wild animals. This is for your safety! 😊
- Wind Wolves Preserve is enforcing a Leave No Trace policy. Please take any trash that you create with you when you leave the preserve, and teach the students to do the same.