

Tips for a Successful Field Trip



Before you arrive:

- Nametags — nametags help staff and volunteers interact with your students and allow the program to run smoothly. Please prepare nametags for your students or have them make their own in advance of the arrival.
- Be prepared to split your class into groups. Consider placing students in groups that they will work well in.
- Chaperone expectations — chaperones play a vital role in the success of the field trip. We offer a generous free chaperone rate so they can help your students during the program. Please brief them on how you need them to help and ask them to model the behaviour you expect to see in the students. This could include supervising a group of students, helping students access components of the experience and enjoying the experience with them.
- Unfortunately, siblings of students are unable to participate in the program. Should a chaperone need to bring along a sibling, they are welcome to both explore the rest of the Centre.

Arrival:

- Please arrive at least 10 minutes ahead of your scheduled program time. This allows time to handle payment, get organized and provide students with their full program time. Due to limited staff and other commitments, full program time is unlikely in the event of late arrival.

Parking:

- Free 2-hour parking can be found in the underground lot the Centre shares with the Sidney Pier Hotel and Spa. This parking is limited to vehicles less than 6'6" in height; taller vehicles will need to find alternate parking on the street (1-hour limit) or pay for parking in the lot adjacent to the Centre.
- For bus arrivals, students can be dropped off at the entrance but unfortunately there is no free bus parking near the Centre. Bus parking is located at Tulista Park or the Mary Winspear Centre.

Payment:

- Payment is to be made on the day of your visit.
- Acceptable forms of payment are cash, cheque, debit, VISA, MasterCard or American Express.
- A till receipt will be provided.

Other information:

- You are welcome, and encouraged, to explore the Centre on your own before or after the program; please notify us if you wish to book additional self-guided time. A variety of scavenger hunts are available on our website. Visit <https://www.salishseacentre.org/scavenger-hunts> to choose the one most suitable for your students. Please print and bring with you as only a small selection are available at the Centre.
- Unfortunately, we do not have space in our Centre to consume snacks or lunch. However, there is a large grassy area outside of the facility with a covered bandshell in case of inclement weather.
- You are able to leave the Centre — for lunch or free time — and re-enter. All adult members of the group will need to get their hand stamped for re-entry.

Back in the classroom:

- Our educators appreciate receiving letters and/or drawings of your students' experiences. These also help the Centre evaluate the success of programs.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Tina Kelly, Director of Learning at 250.665.7511 ext.105 or groups@salishseacentre.org.