

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.
- You will be notified in advance if you need to split your class into groups. Consider placing students in groups 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 without prior approval.

Arrival:

- Please arrive 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. Please allow for additional time to find parking as this lot is often full. Parking is also available on the street or in a pay-per-use lot adjacent to the Centre.
- For bus arrivals, students can be dropped off at the entrance but unfortunately there is no bus parking nearby. Bus parking is located at Tulista Park (9565 Fifth Street) & the Mary Winspear Centre (2243 Beacon Avenue).

Payment:

- Payment is to be made on the day of your visit.
- Acceptable forms of payment are cash, debit, VISA, MasterCard or American Express. If you are not the person responsible for payment, please remind staff who to call when you arrive.

Other information:

- We recommend you plan additional time to explore the Centre before or after the program. This allows students to experience the touch pool and exhibits not included in their program. 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.
- Cubbies for student belongings are available.
- 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 band shell in case of inclement weather.
- You are able to leave the Centre — for lunch or free time — and re-enter.

Back in the classroom:

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

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