

Field Trip Confirmation Form

Mail this page only, at least two weeks before your trip or complete the on-line confirmation form. biomescenter.com/field-trips/

Biomes Marine Biology Center
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School/organization name:

Grade(s):

Field trip date:

Times:

_____ 1 hour _____ 1.5 hours _____ 2 hours

1 hour field trips are \$7 per student with a \$200 minimum

1.5 hour field trips are \$8 per student with a \$250 minimum

2 hour field trips are \$9 per student with a \$300 minimum

1 adult free with every 5 students

Contact:

School phone:

Address:

E-mail:

Alternate phone:

Eating snack/lunch at Biomes after field trip? yes _____ no _____

students: _____ # teachers: _____ # chaperones: _____

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- * Absolutely no hand sanitizers, lotions or sun screen.
- * One adult per five students are free.
- * No charge for nurses or other support staff.
- * Distribute chaperone guide and map to all attending adults.
- * Print directions (our website is biomescenter.com).
- * Lunches should be packed in boxes or bins.
- * The gift shop is open after the program only.
- * Leave coats/backpacks on the bus if weather allows.
- * Cameras are allowed.
- * Suggest that children wear short sleeve shirts; we have a number of touch tanks that they will be able to reach into.
- * Review the teacher guide
- * Lunch will take place after the scheduled field trip time. You will not lose time from your field trip to have lunch.

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TEACHER GUIDE

Background:

Welcome to the Biomes Marine Biology Center. All of the animals here (except for the reptiles, which are rescues) were caught by our staff and volunteers in Narragansett Bay. This is the largest collection of New England marine life in the world.

Pre-Trip

Your class needs to be in groups of 5-10 students with no more than 12 total groups. There must be at least 1 adult with each group. Please have the students assigned to groups before arriving at Biomes and have them enter the building in those groups with their chaperones. This will speed along the process of getting your students out on the floor to explore the exhibits.

Arrival

Upon arrival at Biomes, please leave the students on the bus while you come into the building to check-in. Payment can be handled at the beginning or end of the field trip. We accept payment on the day of the trip or we can send you back to school with an invoice.

A staff member will show you where the class will be gathering and answer any initial questions. The students can then enter the building in their groups with their chaperones. Each group will be asked to sit together at a picnic table. Once the class is seated, a staff member will do a brief introduction and review the rules and then send the groups out to explore the aquarium.

During the trip

The center consists of three 'bays', with each bay made up of several learning stations (see map). Each group will be given a clipboard and a set of scavenger hunt questions. As the students explore the center, the scavenger hunt answers can be filled in. Answers can be found *anywhere* in the building. Adults should read each item to the students, leaving them free to find the information themselves.

It is very important that these guides be followed throughout the program. There are over 100 kinds of animals at Biomes, and without these guides your students will miss many of them. For the 1.5 hour and 2 hour field trips, the team that has the most correct answers will win a prize.

As teams finish their scavenger hunt sheets, they can bring them to a staff member who will give them another sheet.

Throughout the field trip, staff will be circulating around the building to assist in interacting with the animals and answering questions. At the end of your scheduled field trip time, a bell will ring to signify the end of time on the floor. All groups will return back to the tables where they started. Staff will send groups to wash hands and will help your group set up for lunch and/or return to the bus.

Our gift shop is available for all field trips. Please let the staff know if students would like to shop so we can plan the time accordingly.

Remember that hand sanitizers, lotions and sun screen are strictly forbidden. These products are very harmful to our animals, and can even cause their death.

CHAPERONE GUIDE

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The teacher will assign you to a group of 5-10 students before arriving at the aquarium. Upon arrival, after the teacher has checked-in, you will be asked to escort your group into the building. It is very important that you enter the building with your group and remain with them at all times. A staff member will direct your group to a table to sit at where you will receive a basic introduction and a review of the rules. All jackets, backpacks, lunches, and any other personal belongings can be left at the tables.

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Basic Rules and Procedures

1. Students must remain with their chaperone at all times.
2. Hand sanitizers, lotions and sun screen are strictly forbidden. These products are very harmful to our animals, and can even cause their death.
3. Running is not allowed.
4. Animals are to be touched gently with 1 finger. Follow the rules at each touch tank to interact safely.
5. Food is not allowed out on the floor around the animals.
6. The water in our tanks is very clean and participants should not wash their hands while they are still exploring. Frequent hand-washing leads to soap in our tanks which is harmful to our animals. There will be time at the end of the trip to wash hands.
7. Cameras are allowed.
8. Take time to read the information at the tanks and point out interesting facts to the students in your group.
9. Have fun exploring the largest collection of New England marine life in the world!

