

EAGLE RIVER NATURE CENTER

FIELD TRIP POLICIES

SAFETY & BEHAVIOR

- Group leaders and chaperones are in charge of student's safety and ensuring respectful behavior
- Group leaders and chaperones are responsible for dealing with any disciplinary concerns or medical emergencies
- With the exception of service animals, pets are not allowed on field trips
- Expectations of students are to:
 - Act with self-preservation in mind
 - Stay behind the Naturalist
 - Move to one side of the trail for other groups
 - Leave sticks, snow, and rocks on the ground
 - Don't pet other people's dogs

HEAD COUNT

- The maximum number of students per trip is 60 or two classrooms.
- Contact naturalist@ernc.org for possible, uncommon, exceptions.
- A chaperone is recommended for every 5 minors up to 3rd grade and one for every 10 minors in grades 4-12.
- There is no charge for teachers, chaperones, or bonus siblings under the age of 5 and they should not be included in overall headcount for payment. Siblings over the age of 5 must be included in head count.
- Please let us know ASAP if there are any drastic (+/-5) changes to the headcount as this may affect staffing.

RESERVATION, PAYMENT & CANCELLATION

- A signed contract is required to secure your reservation.
- Full payment is due on the day of your visit in the form of cash, school check or credit card. Eagle River Nature Center does not accept individual student payments.
- Cancellations made with less than 7 working days notice are subject to a cancellation fee. This includes sessions in a scheduled series.
- Field trips will be cancelled if ASD schools are closed, road conditions are hazardous or if the temperature at ERNC is below 0°F.
- If conditions are looking questionable, the chief naturalist will reach out to the primary group leader.

Contact
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with questions

WHAT TO EXPECT

on your field trip to the Eagle River Nature Center

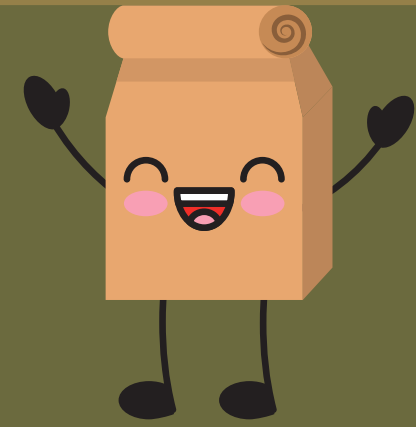
Come prepared to be outside,
regardless of the weather



Our trails are not paved. Let
us know if you have mobility
or accessibility concerns!



Microwaves, cutlery, and dishes
are not available from ERNC
for lunch.



The Nature Center's store is
not available to students,
teachers, or chaperones
during field trips

The only running water available is
in the main ERNC building. Rustic
latrines are located in the parking
lot and near the Ed Yurt.



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