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.

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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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