

# Chaperone Tips

Use these tips to ensure a successful field trip at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery!

## Exploring Nimbus Fish Hatchery

You play an **important role** in helping students enjoy our natural world through ecological and conservation values.

While most stations are guided by our staff, there are numerous moments where students are asked to explore and may express to you interest in topics mentioned or ask questions you may not know the answers to. That's ok! **Ask open-ended, follow-up questions**, such as:

- **Why do you think that is?**
- **Is that surprising?**
- **How do you think...helps to...?**
- **What challenges do you think...?**
- **How does that make you feel?**
- **What else do you notice?**

## Activities/Worksheets

Nimbus Fish Hatchery staff may lead students in activities geared towards growing their exploratory skills. During these times, encourage students to **broaden their perspectives** and infer why they might be observing certain actions.

Should a worksheet be provided, encourage students to **explore** all indoor exhibits before responding to the worksheet questions. The best responses are those that come from the **students' own experiences, ideas, and observations**.

## The Four Rules

You are responsible for the behavior of your students. Please make sure you always know where your students are and let them know you are available to them. Make sure students know and abide by the following rules, which our staff will explain more during your tour.

- 1) **Be Safe**
- 2) **Respect All Things**
- 3) **Learn Something**
- 4) **Have Fun!**

## Logistics

- ❖ Everyone should be wearing appropriate walking shoes and sun protection. A large portion of your tour will be outdoors. Please plan accordingly.
- ❖ Restrooms and drinking fountains (ADA accessible) are located within the Nimbus Visitor Center. Drinking fountains are located across from the entrance and restrooms are across from the fish display case.
- ❖ For minor injuries, please inform your tour guide and they will be able to provide first aid support and kits. Lost and found items will be returned to the front desk. Should a child be lost, inform your tour guide **immediately**.
- ❖ Should you require additional support and accessibility, please inform Nimbus staff prior to your tour date and no less than 24 hours before.

# Our Time at the Nimbus Fish Hatchery

## Schedule

Date:

Number of Students:

Arrival Time:

Departure Time:

We will be having lunch on-site:      Yes              No

## Teacher's Top Priorities for Students

