



Chaperone Letter

Dear Chaperone,

Thank you for choosing to attend a field trip at Hoyt Arboretum!

Chaperones help us ensure a safe, fun and interactive learning experience for our student visitors. We are glad to have you joining us for this opportunity to learn and grow in nature.

Each group will be led by a trained Nature Educators. Our volunteers and staff give their time and energy to share their passion for nature and science education. Please help support the naturalists by encouraging your students to be safe, together, and learning.

For a successful field trip, we have a few chaperone expectations:

- Our field trips are entirely outside. Please come dressed for the weather with comfortable walking shoes.
- Please be prepared to walk at the back of the group, helping students stay together and listen.
- Be encouraging of students to think about and answer questions posed to them.
- Give the Nature Educator your full attention during programs by modeling active listening and refraining from side-conversations.
- No cell phone usage. Besides taking a group picture, we discourage extensive phone usage on field trips and prohibit students from using cell phones.

We could not run a successful program without the assistance from chaperones. In the future, we hope that you feel inspired to continually visit Hoyt Arboretum. If you are interested in learning more about our membership opportunities, adult education classes or family programming please visit www.hoytarboretum.org.

Thank you,

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More about us:

Hoyt Arboretum, a natural area park in SW Portland, is known as Portland's museum of living trees. We grow and exhibit trees and plants from around the world while educating our community and conserving vitally important plant biodiversity.

The Hoyt Arboretum Friends are a non-profit organization that works with Portland Parks & Recreation. The Friends help to maintain and improve Hoyt Arboretum and its collections through advocacy, resources, awareness and education. The park today has 189 acres with 12 miles of trails and 3 nationally recognized tree collections. Our field trip program serves over 3,200 students per year.

