



Field Trip Safety & Site Protocols

Volunteer Educators

- Arrive at the site 20 minutes before students arrive to meet other volunteer educators & scope out the site station locations, discuss the day's agenda, safety concerns and emergency procedures
- Be prepared for varying weather – dress appropriately. If possible, bring extra clothing/rain gear for unprepared students
- Bring drinking water
- Protect yourself from misunderstandings—never be alone with a student!

Salmon Biology Station/Salmon Watching

- Please remember: Salmon are a protected species under the Endangered Species Act. Harassment of salmon of any kind is in violation of federal law and won't be tolerated! Throwing rocks, getting in the water beyond field station activities, running or jumping on the banks near the fish are all considered harassment. Students who engage in harassment will give up their opportunity to participate and will be asked to sit on the bus with a parent chaperone or teacher for remainder of the field trip.
- Salmon are very sensitive to movement along the stream banks. To be able to see spawning fish, limit movement as much as possible during the period of observation.
- Whenever possible, view salmon from above (bridge, hillside, etc.). Be sure to use your Salmon Watch polarized glasses to cut glare on the water for optimal viewing.

Macroinvertebrate Sampling & Identification Station

- Sampling should be conducted well away and downstream from salmon & redds
- Never wade into the water that is higher than the tops of your boots
- No more than 4 students in the water at one time
- Avoid fast-moving water
- Take care when walking on slippery rocks

Water Quality Monitoring Station

- All refuse water from testing must be poured and stored in the provided wastewater container – Do not toss any water into the stream – Dissolved oxygen test produces glass shards; pH test uses liquid that is hazardous to aquatic life
- Be sure to wash your hands after water quality testing to rid of residual chemicals
- Never drink the water!

Riparian Zone Station:

- During the activity, don't let kids wander off. Beware of cliff edges and other potential hazards.

On all stations, please be sure to bring back all equipment & leave the site cleaner than when you arrived!

