



# SeaWorld Instructional Field Experience

## Chaperone Tips and Guidelines

*(Please copy and distribute this information to teachers and chaperones.)*

The SeaWorld Instructional Field Experience program is a self-guided educational experience that focuses on ocean animals – their habitats, adaptations, and conservation. The program includes two educational animal presentations. Check-in begins at 8:45 a.m. and entry begins at 9:15 a.m. The program ends at approximately 1:15 p.m.

### **Arriving at SeaWorld:**

- All chaperones that are paying separately, and are outside the maximum one adult per three student ratio must pay the \$25 admission fee.
- Season Passports, discount coupons, and other offers **CANNOT** be applied toward any entrance fees on Instructional Field Experience days. The Instructional Field Experience is entirely separate and supplemental to the SeaWorld San Antonio.
- Because the Instructional Field Experience Program is a non-operating day at SeaWorld, parking is free.
- Please help reduce exhaust emissions. We recommend arriving by bus or carpooling whenever possible.
- Upon arrival, all students and chaperones assemble as a group at the main entrance plaza in while the Group Leader checks in. Check-in starts at 8:45 a.m. Gates open at 9:30 a.m.
- All participants will enter the park through the gate as a single group.
- Due to security concerns, all bags are subject to search. *Please do not bring:* straight pins, straws, glass containers, or weapons.

### **Lunches:**

- Pack your lunches together in sturdy, labeled, cardboard boxes.
- **DO NOT PACK LUNCHES OR DRINKS IN ICE CHESTS, INDIVIDUAL TOTES OR COOLERS.** This way, you won't have to worry about carrying and keeping up with coolers after lunch.
- For the safety of our animals, please do not bring glass containers or straws.
- Upon arrival, SeaWorld will provide transportation and unrefrigerated storage space for your lunches. However, your group will be responsible for loading and unloading lunches, so pack lightly! **THERE ARE NO PROVISIONS FOR LEFTOVER LUNCHES OR DRINKS.** Please do not take food or drinks into the park after lunch. We are not responsible for lost items.
- Help us keep the environment clean! Ask your group to use the trash receptacles and recycling bins.

## Exploring the Park

- After you enter the park, explore SeaWorld animal habitats to see penguins, sharks, dolphins, sea lions and other animals. Field Experience Guides to facilitate learning should be provided by your group leader for the day of your visit.
- Maps with the program schedule will be provided on arrival.
- This program is designed to fit within the school day and ends at 1:30 p.m.
- Students must be chaperoned at all times. Please adhere to all school behavior and dress codes.
- Conduct problems are referred to SeaWorld Security Department and will be reported to school principals.
- This is a self-guided program. This is not a guided tour.
- Wheelchairs are available to rent at the Main Entrance. A chaperone may pay and pick it up on arrival.
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## Frequently Asked Questions:

*Can we use annual Passes and Fun Cards for the school field trip program or tour fees?*

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*Will we have a tour today?*

The SeaWorld Instructional Field Trip program is self-guided. We offer guided animal information tours for an additional fee. Tours must be reserved by group leaders in advance and are subject to availability.

*Are rides and shows included on the field trip?*

The Instructional Field Trip program focuses on ocean animals – their habitats, adaptations, and conservation. It includes educational animal presentations. Your group may visit any of the animal habitats, however, rides and other shows are not included.

*Do we have to pay for parking?*

No. Because this is a non-operating day at SeaWorld, parking is free.

**We look forward to seeing you! Please call (800) 700-7786, or email us at [swsaeducation@seaworld.com](mailto:swsaeducation@seaworld.com) if you have any questions about your trip.**