SeaWorld Instructional Field Trip

Group Leader Checklist and FAQs

Thank you for your reservation. The SeaWorld Instructional Field Trip program is a self-guided educational experience that focuses on ocean animals – their habitats, adaptations, and conservation. The program includes an animal training presentation. Check-in begins at 9:15 a.m. and entry begins at 9:30 a.m. Visit SeaWorld exhibits and aquariums until 1:30 p.m.

Before your Field Trip

__ Please share *Chaperone Tips and Guidelines* with your teachers and chaperones. A packet will be mailed to you prior to your visit.

__ If you have a purchase order payment, please mail or fax a copy to SeaWorld at (619) 226-3634.

__ Copy and distribute parking placards (1 per vehicle). Use the Field Trip Entrance for free parking.

__ Collect any SeaWorld annual Passes and Fun Cards. (Photocopies of passes are accepted.)

Chaperones are required for all education programs. We require *at least* one adult for every 10 students and *no more* than one adult for every three students. Eligible Preschool, Kindergarten, Home School, and Special Education groups may bring one adult for every one student. (All participants pay the program fee.) Extra adults over the maximum ratio pay 20% off the regular SeaWorld admission price.

Check-in (day of the Field Trip)

__ Make sure your entire group has arrived.

__ Finalize the total count for your group:

- Total number of adult chaperones.
- Total number of students.
- Number of adult Passes.
- Number of child Passes.
- Number of adults and siblings over the accepted ratio of adults and students.
- Number of adult chaperones and students paying the *additional playtime fee* to spend the rest of the afternoon enjoying shows, rides, and shows, rides, and Sesame Street® Bay of Play by adding on a discounted playtime fee. Only guests with a playtime wristband will be admitted to these areas.

__ Complete the *Participant Count Sheet* prior to check-in.

__ Only the group leader should check-in the school.

__ Method of payment: SeaWorld accepts purchase orders (in advance), cash, checks, or credit cards. Please use one form of payment per school.

Field Trip Guides, maps, and the Education presentation time and location will be provided to your group at check-in on the day of your visit.

Lunches may be stored in unsecured cabinets at SeaWorld.

Chaperones must be with students at all times and follow guidelines.

Mailing address for Purchase Orders: SeaWorld Education & Conservation Department
500 SeaWorld Drive
San Diego, CA 92129

Frequently Asked Questions

Can I go over the specified adult to student ratio? Any additional adults or siblings must pay the discounted rate of 20% off the current SeaWorld general admission price.

There are less than 10 people in my group. Can I still book a field trip? We require that group size is at least 10 or more students and adult chaperones.

Are teachers free? No, teachers, chaperones, and students all pay the same low rate for education programs.

Can we use annual Passes and Fun Cards for the school field trip program or tour fees? Passes and Fun Cards can be used for the Instructional Field Trip program fee. However, they may not be used for In-Depth Tour fees.

Will we have a tour today? The SeaWorld Instructional Field Trip program is self-guided. We offer In-Depth 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 an animal training presentation. The program ends at 1:30 p.m. Your group may visit any of the animal habitats; however, shows, rides, and Sesame Street® Bay of Play are not included. You may spend the rest of the afternoon enjoying SeaWorld shows, rides, and attractions by adding on a discounted playtime fee. Only guests with a playtime wristband will be admitted to these areas.

Do we have to pay for parking? Currently, parking is free for schools and chaperones who use the SeaWorld Field Trip Entrance as directed on the Parking Placard. Bus parking is also free. We encourage you to carpool. Guests arriving through the Tolls Plaza will be charged a parking fee.

Can I reschedule my group's trip? Please be sure to check your school calendar and bus/transportation availability before reserving your field trip to avoid any conflicts with the field trip day you reserve. Rescheduling is subject to availability.

Can I reenter SeaWorld on the day of the field trip if I exit? You will only be able to enter the Education Gate during check-in. The gate is closed and locked after all school groups arrive. Please verify you have all belongings before using the exit-only turnstile. If you exit early, there is no reentry through this gate. Full-day groups may exit the park at the front of the park and have their hands stamped for reentry.

Can we enter the park early? The education gate opens shortly after check-in begins. There is no early entry.

I paid for a group of participants that did not show up. Can I get a refund? Refunds are given at check-in as needed for prepaid reservations only. Before check-in, please make sure your entire group has arrived. Count and pay for all participants prior to entering the park. Refunds are not given after park entry. The Field Trip program runs rain or shine and no refunds are given for inclement weather.

Please call (800) 257-4268, x41 if you have any questions. We look forward to your visit.

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