

Chaperone Tips for A Great Field Trip!

Welcome! Your role today is to make this field trip a safe, fun outing for you group on beautiful Blue Lagoon Island. Please review the tips and guidelines that will make it an outstanding day:

- ***Be a boat safety steward.*** Make sure your group stays seated and follows the safety guidelines while boarding or traveling on any guest tender.
- ***Know your Group.*** You are responsible for each child assigned to your group, ensuring they follow safety rules and instructions given for the duration of the day. The numbers of children per group are set and cannot be changed.
- ***Know your Host.*** This person will lead your group through activities and will be your resource for answering questions. He/she needs you to assist in enforcing safety guidelines.
- ***Know your role.*** Chaperones and teachers are expected to stay with their designated groups at all times. Independent tours of the island or use of alcohol are strictly forbidden.
- ***Review the schedule of events.*** You will need to help facilitate keeping your group on schedule as they moved between activities.
- ***Review the safety guidelines.*** Each activity area has its own rules.
- ***Late students lose activities.*** If any participants arrive on a later boat, the activities that were completed earlier will not be repeated for those students that are late.
- ***Delays limit activities.*** Students should be dressed in their swimwear as they will start activities as soon as they arrive on island. Extra time to change or delays in the restrooms will be deducted from your group's activity time in the schedule.
- ***Respect shared spaces.*** Your group shares the tenders and the island with our other guests and are expected to be respectful of those shared spaces. There should be no screaming, pushing, or fighting in any area. If there are lines, students should help by getting in the line so that we can get them into their activity as quickly as possible.
- ***Timeouts will be given.*** Students failing to follow instructions will be pulled from an activity to sit with chaperones until that activity is completed.
- ***Safety comes first.*** If you have a first aid situation, notify your Group Host immediately and we will organize the proper first aid. Take care of the rest of your students at that time.
- ***Be Green.*** Ask your group to use the trash receptacles and recycle bins. Do not leave food unattended as it will attract seagulls.

Safety Rules & Guidelines – Dolphin Encounters

Failure to follow the instructions will result in the immediate removal from the activity and possibly removal from all group activities.

DOLPHIN ENCOUNTERS – ANIMAL PROGRAMS:

- Remove all sharp jewelry
- If on the platform, participants must be seated
- Listen to the trainer's instructions in the water
- Stand calmly at the front edge of the platform
- ALWAYS touch the animal gently with an open palm
- NEVER touch the animal near it's face or genital area
- NO jumping, screaming or swimming during animal interaction

DOLPHIN ENCOUNTERS – NON-ANIMAL YOUTH PROGRAMS:

- Young students should be divided into groups of 5 or less
- When walking to new areas, team up kids by holding hands
- When reaching a destination, have the kids be seated if possible
- Emphasize **inside-voice** and **raise-your-hand** for activities
- Let your Host know if you have students that need to use the bathroom

