



Waterwise Community Center

Trip Tips!

We look forward to your visit to your WaterWise Community Center!
Please review the information below to help you prepare for your visit.

Plan logistics

- **Arrange transportation:** Schools in our Service Area may be eligible for reimbursement of up to \$400 per day for bussing. More information can be found [here](#).
- **Solicit volunteer parent help:** At least two parents per class are REQUIRED to attend and up to six parents per class MAY attend. Please ask parents to be actively engaged and ready to assist as needed. Restrict cell phone use to picture taking only.
- **Make your lunch plans:** You are welcome to eat in our park in front of the center after your trip. Shaded picnic tables and a grassy area for playing are available. Feel free to bring balls and games.
- **Watch the weather:** Trips can be rescheduled if the weather forecasts 24 hours before your trip predict more than 40% chance of rain. You are also welcome to keep your field trip on a rainy day to see the water cycle in action.

Prepare students for a successful trip

- **Correlate Concepts:** Research shows students learn the most on field trips when they can connect concepts covered to their classroom learning. Check out the field trip-related [resources](#) on our website for ideas on related pre and post trip lessons.
- **Orient students to CBWCD:** Research also shows students gain more from field trips if they know where they are going and what to expect. Tell students about what they will be doing. Consider giving them a sneak peek with our [online campus tour](#).
- **Review behavior expectations:** CBWCD staff will provide the instruction, but will rely on you and your volunteers to assist students and handle discipline. Please let us know if your students have special needs and how we can help ensure they have a successful visit.
- **Review dress code:** Students should comply with school district dress standards, wear closed toed shoes and be prepared for indoor and outdoor activities. Depending on the weather students may want to wear/bring jackets, hat, water, sunscreen, etc.
- **Review schedule:** Students often ask us when lunch is, so please let them know the schedule for the day (including lunchtime) as well as remind them to eat breakfast before the trip.

On the day of the trip

- **Our address is 4594 San Bernardino St.** The bus can stop on the street or pull in to the parking lot.
- **Waterwise Community Center staff will meet you out front** to walk you into our site.
- **If you brought lunch** with you to eat in the Wilderness Park after the trip, you can leave it on the bus or bring it right inside the lobby.
- **If you have more than 40 students, please be prepared to split into two groups.** One group will tour while the other completes the classroom activity and then we will switch.
- **Restrooms and water fountains** will be nearby for the majority of the trip and we will make time for a restroom break during the switch time.

After the trip

- Tell us how we did by completing an evaluation survey emailed to you after your field trip.
- **Submit your [Transportation Reimbursement Request Form](#)** within 4 weeks of your visit if eligible.
- **Keep Learning!** Check out all of our [Supplementary Lessons](#) for related activities and ideas.
- **Enter your students in our [Poster Contest](#) and [Waterwise Challenge](#).**

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