# Field Trip Information Sheet

 Thank you for volunteering to accompany us on our field trip. These special excursions are extensions and enhancements of our classroom learning. We appreciate your time, vehicle, extra eyes and hands. In order to make our field trip as enjoyable as possible, as well as an enriched learning experience, please note the following guidelines:

If you are driving a child other than your own:

Prior to the field trip

* Submit a DFPS background check to the office
* Turn in a copy of your current driver’s license and auto insurance to the office
* Honor your teacher’s plan and expectations for the trip, and clarify any questions prior

On the field trip day

* be at school as early as possible so that the parent can install their child’s car seat in your vehicle; our School car seat/booster seat policy *must* be followed
* you will be given the names of those children riding in your car, as well as an emergency folder with a copy of their emergency forms, basic first aid supplies, and important phone numbers
* you will be given a map and the cell phone numbers of the Teachers and/or other drivers

If you are accompanying your child on their field trip, here’s how to be a great chaperone/driver:

* Some field trips are not suitable for siblings, may be physically challenging, or may include visual or auditory stimulation -- so check with your teacher beforehand
* Make sure your cell phone number is on the sign-up sheet
* this is a special opportunity to spend with your child and their class. Please be mindful that taking personal phone calls, chatting with other parents, or dealing with a sibling that requires a great deal of your attention, takes away from this special time.
* while on a school-sponsored field trip, school policies and rules apply. We expect adults and children to represent Discovery School to the community as considerate, respectful guests and to adhere to Discovery School’s expectations for behavior, courtesy, and safety.
* this is a learning experience for all the children, so please stay with your group (if you and your child see something you want to do by yourselves, you can always come back!)
* this is a unique extended learning opportunity – even while driving!  **Please no videos or video games** while enroute! Rather, encourage the children to think about what they will see; to recall details from the trip, to discuss what was their favorite part; etc
* do not purchase a special treat, snack or souvenir unless you do so for the entire group and have the Teacher’s approval

Thank you for helping us keep our children safe as we enjoy this wonderful extension of our learning!

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