

Welcome Chaperone!

Thank you for your help on the upcoming School Field Trip at Portland Audubon- your active participation is vital to ensuring the success of the program and we hope it will prove to be an experience that you and the students remember for a long time. As a reminder, this field trip is created for the students and your help is integral to the success of this program! Your leading through example helps make this program successful! We are grateful you're here and your role is to model the rules and expectations below.

Portland Audubon has **five simple but important expectations** and they apply to everyone participating, both children and adults.

1. **Be Safe**
2. **Respect all things**
3. **Learn something new**
4. **Have fun!**
5. **Help each other**

Your role as chaperone is to help ensure these goals are accomplished. The importance of safety during this program cannot be overstated. The rules and expectations are here to ensure the experience is safe, fun and educational for everyone. Our field trips spend the first bit of the field trip investigating specimens inside and then head out for some outside exploration. Please come dressed for the weather with comfortable walking shoes.

As a chaperone, we ask you to:

- Interact positively with the students! Encourage their curiosity and their active participation.
- Keep students together with their group and ensure they are using the buddy system.
- Remind students of any guidelines/instructions that instructors share. Be willing to assist Audubon Educators and volunteers as needed.
- Help our Educators by walking at the back of the group, helping students stay together and listen.
- Inform teachers and Portland Audubon staff if you notice any behavior that is concerning or if a student is disregarding our shared expectations.
- No cell phone usage. Besides taking a group picture, we discourage extensive phone usage on field trips and prohibit students from using cell phones.

Thanks again for your help, we couldn't offer these programs without you!