

Pre-Class Tips for Chaperones



THANK YOU for volunteering your time!

We are able to provide our field trips at an affordable price because of adult volunteers like you.

Here's how you can best help with your upcoming class/field trip:

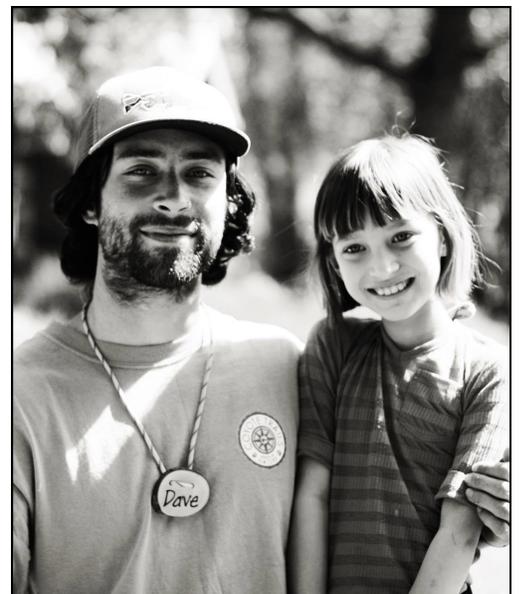


Your role for the class / trip:

- Help keep the students organized. Often they get distracted by a new setting (such as our Nature Center).
- If a student has a need arise (bathroom trip, wash hands, band-aid, etc), be their buddy & help them with their need.
- Help to keep a head count of all students in your group. If a student starts to wander off, quietly bring them back in. Otherwise, the instructor has to stop teaching to attend to this, which is distracting to the other students.
- As needed, help students who have difficulty with a motor skill, such as doing bow-drill for fire-by-friction. Paying attention to the lesson will always provide you with enough context to help a struggling student out.

Some things to avoid:

- At Coyote Trails, we have a much different approach to teaching than you may have experienced growing up. We steer clear of using a negative tone with the students.
- We usually split into small groups. We encourage you to join a group that your child is not in. Over our many years of teaching, we have noticed that kids get more frustrated learning a new skill when their parent is present. This is your chance to mentor another child.
- The skills we teach are awesome and captivating! That being said, make sure you are gently helping the students out by being a silent leader. For example, kids may get discouraged if you pick up a bow-drill kit and have an easy time getting smoke or a coal. Instead, you could ask a struggling kid if they want to partner with you and use teamwork to succeed!



If you have any questions, please contact the Coyote Trails Program Coordinator at 541.772.1390.

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