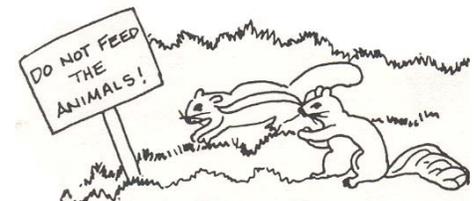




Chaperone Checklist

Thank you for volunteering to assist your students on a field trip to Oregon Caves National Monument! You are a *vital* part of the education program. We appreciate how you will provide support to the students and the Park Rangers during the field trip. The following information will help you know what to expect on the field trip and how you can help.

- ✓ **Help Protect Our Bats!** This fatal disease in bats has already killed over a million bats in eastern North America, and is spreading west. Avoid spreading the fungus that causes white-nose syndrome in bats! **When you visit Oregon Caves, plan ahead not to bring any items that have been worn or used in any cave, mine, or bat hibernation site east of the Rocky Mountains after 2005, or in any cave in Europe.** This includes shoes, camera bags, and clothes. Even if the item has been washed, there is still a risk. Do not bring it.
- ✓ **Safety first!** Cave tour programs are moderately strenuous and consist of over 400 stairs with walking uphill for 5-10 minute durations. The entire field trip program consists of walking at least 1.5 miles, 400 stairs, and uphill hiking. The field trip is not recommended for any person who has breathing, vision, balance, or heart conditions.
- ✓ **Students first!** Remember we are here for the students. Please refrain from answering the Ranger's questions, and encourage students to figure out the answers.
- ✓ **Listen up!** When the Ranger makes a stop in the cave s/he will ask for the students' attention. Please be courteous and help the Rangers manage the students.
- ✓ **Spread out!** If there is more than one chaperone on the tour, please space yourselves between students to help monitor and manage them and stay focused on the program.
- ✓ **No cameras!** Students are not allowed to take cameras on the field trip. A chaperone may take a camera, but only one group picture is allowed in the cave.
- ✓ **Leave no trace!** Remember to leave only footprints and take only memories.



Please call us in advance if you have any questions or concerns. We anticipate a wonderful day sharing a very special place with your students.

Warm Regards,

Education Rangers, Oregon Caves National Monument