

Sonoma Water - Teacher Checklist - 5th Grade Water Education Program

Before your pre-lesson visit:

- Visit our [pre-lesson website links](#).
- Watch salmon life cycle video and water system video.
- Watch the [“What to expect video”](#) with the students

Before your field trip:

- Recruit chaperones (minimum 1 chaperone per 7 students)
- Send out the [chaperone letter and map to the water education center](#)
 - At least one chaperone will need to drive their personal car to the site.
 - All chaperones that drive, need to follow the bus from the school to enter the field study site.
- Remind students:
 - What to wear?
 - Appropriate clothes for being outdoors most of the day (pants, no shorts)
 - Sturdy walking shoes
 - Rain jacket or poncho (if rain is a possibility)
 - What to bring?
 - Bring a Day Pack
 - At least one water bottle full of water - A morning snack and lunch
 - Sunscreen and or hat / hats

Day of the field trip:

Teacher Expectations:

- Bring signed permission slips.
- Place **name tags** on students (divide each class into two equal groups).
- Bring **student field journals** and pencils (pass out journals before arrival)
- Make sure your students are prepared for the day.

Chaperone expectations:

1. Assist students with following safety rules.
2. Help manage snack, lunch, and restroom breaks.
3. Support student engagement during educational activities.
4. Wear appropriate clothing for being outdoors and hiking on uneven terrain.
5. No other children or pets are allowed on the field trip.

After the field trip:

- Complete the [field trip teacher evaluation](#).
- Visit our website for [post field-trip and Making a Difference lessons](#).

