

My Field Trip to the Chicago Botanic Garden



I am going on a field trip to the Chicago Botanic Garden with my class.



My field trip will be mostly outside. It might be warm and sunny, or cold and windy. It might even rain! I will wear the right clothes for the weather.



We will ride a bus to the Garden. The bus ride might be long or short. I will follow my teacher's directions to stay safe on the bus.



Our bus will stop at the Gatehouse first.
Someone at the Gatehouse will tell the
bus driver where to go.



The bus will drop us off at the Learning Center. Someone from the Chicago Botanic Garden will be there to greet us.



When I get off the bus, I will listen for important information. The teacher will tell me where to put my lunch, and where to wait for instructions.



The teachers and volunteers at the Learning Center will be happy to see us! They love teaching kids about science and nature.



My class might have time to walk around and explore before we start our workshop. I will stay with my group and my chaperone.



My class will do a workshop. We will learn about science and nature. Our workshop might be outside or in a classroom.



We will learn exciting information about science and nature! During the workshop, I will listen to the teachers and volunteers.



We will use our hands to touch and feel things. My hands might get dirty. That's ok! I can wash my hands after the activity or ask for gloves.



Time for lunch! After the program, I will eat lunch with my classmates. We might eat outside at picnic tables or inside in a classroom.



If I need to use the bathroom or drink water, I can tell my chaperone. There are bathrooms and water fountains inside the Learning Center, the Visitor Center, and the Regenstein Center.



After lunch, my class might have time to go exploring or play outside. I will stay with my group and my chaperone.



When we enter the Visitor Center, someone will scan my teacher or chaperone's ticket.



The Visitor Center has maps, bathrooms, and people who can answer my questions.

There are many outdoor places to explore, and some indoor places too! Many people visit the Garden every day. It might be crowded.



When I am in the Nature Play Garden outside the Learning Center, I can run around and play!



If I see ropes around the hills, I will not play on them. Sometimes, the grass on the hills needs to rest in order to grow.



PLEASE STAY
OFF THE GRASS
WHILE WE TREAT
IT WITH SOME TLC
(TENDER LAWN CARE).

When I am not in the Nature Play Garden, I will walk with my group and stay on paths. There are so many places to explore!



Sometimes, some areas of the Garden have to close for repairs or special events. If an area is closed, there will be a sign.



If I get separated from my group, I will find a staff member. They wear badges and carry walkie-talkies. They can help me find my chaperone.



The Garden is a very peaceful place. There are many beautiful things to see, hear, smell, and touch! I will be gentle and treat all plants with kindness.



My chaperone will tell me when it is time to go back to school. We will walk back to the Learning Center and I can use the bathroom if I need to.



Our bus will pick us up. We will say
goodbye to the Chicago Botanic Garden
after a great day!

