



Pre-Field Trip Letter

Below are just a few reminders before your experience:

- **Respect** is our one rule: respect the educator speaking, your peers during the activity and the natural resources at all times.
- Field trips will take place outside so please have students dress appropriately for the weather. Dress in layers. Moisture wicking base layer, fleece mid layer, and waterproof/wind-blocking outer layer. Students that have water-proof boots should bring them.
- Please have your students split into the proper number of groups before arriving so that we can begin sessions in a timely manner. Optimal group size is 10-15 students per group.
- Please do not allow your students to pick or take anything from the park or trails on the field trip.
- Safety/awareness near the water/roads/hazards is critical. We will establish expectations at the beginning of the lesson to create boundaries.
- There should be a teacher or adult helper with each group.
- Have students pack an environmentally friendly lunch that generates little or no waste. Please bring trash bags for your garbage; we are implementing a carry-in, carry-out policy at our programs. Students should bring water to drink for the field trip.
- Our schedule does not allow for rain dates. We will hold the field trip rain or shine, unless the weather makes transportation dangerous, then we will cancel the outing.
- Packsaddle Park is where we host the Salmon Watch Field Trips.
- Marion County and City entities have several parks, natural areas to host field trips.

Sample Field Trip Agenda:

9:30-10:15	Session 1 (Water Quality)
10:15-11:00	Session 2 (Macro Invertebrates)
11:00-11:30	Lunch
11:30-12:15	Session 3 (Salmon Biology)
12:15-1:00	Session 4 (Riparian Habitat)

All field trips are free of charge. If you need assistance for transportation costs please look into Marion SWCD [CLEAR grant here](#). Thank you for scheduling your trip with Marion Soil & Water Conservation District!