

FIELD TRIP RULES

Habitat Restoration

Please review these guidelines with your students in class before your field trip.

- Every student must submit a signed liability release form in order to attend the trip.
- **Students should wear old, closed-toed shoes that are “dirty and sturdy” and suitable for the outdoors (no sandals).** They should dress in layers, and wear sunscreen and a hat.
- Students should bring water in a reusable water bottle, but **no food or snacks.**
- As we will be visiting a sensitive habitat area and do not want to disturb wildlife or other visitors, **students are not permitted to yell, throw objects, or climb-on** any rocks, walls, or benches during the trip.
- **When visiting natural areas it is important to stay on designated pathways rather than take shortcuts.** For this field trip students will get to step off the marked pathways, but this is a special exception with permission from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service.
- **Natural objects such as stones, feathers, flowers, and bugs must be left behind unharmed.** This is part of learning to respect living things, as well as natural, historical, and cultural features of a site.
- **Students are not permitted to bring any type of camera, electronic game or cell phone** on habitat restoration trips.
- San Diego Bay is visited by many members of the community and it is important to be aware of these visitors, particularly bicyclists. **Students should look both ways before crossing bike paths.** They should not talk or interact with strangers.
- **Do not touch or disturb wild animals or insects.** Walk carefully and be on the lookout for snakes, bird nests, insects, and burrows.
- This field trip includes many hands-on activities, such as a litter clean-up, planting, and weeding. **Students must wear safety equipment** such as gloves and goggles, and may not remove them until asked to do so by an Ocean Connectors instructor.
- Students must carefully **follow all restoration procedures as instructed**, ask questions when uncertain, and remain under adult supervision throughout the entirety of the trip.
- Students must **stay with the group and follow directions** provided by Ocean Connectors instructors and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service park rangers at all times.