



Chaperone Letter

Dear Chaperone,

Thank you for choosing to attend a field trip at Hoyt Arboretum!

Chaperones help us ensure a safe, fun, and interactive learning experience for our student visitors. We are glad to have you joining us for this opportunity to learn and grow in nature.

Each group will be led by a trained Nature Educator. Our volunteers and staff give their time and energy to share their passion for nature and science education. Please support them by encouraging your students to be safe, together, and learning.

For a successful field trip, we have a few chaperone expectations:

- Our field trips are entirely outside. Please come dressed for the weather with comfortable walking shoes.
- Please walk at the back of the group to help students stay together and listen.
- Be encouraging of students to think about and answer questions posed to them.
- Give the Nature Educator your full attention and model active listening, refraining from side-conversations.
- No cell phone usage. Besides taking a group picture, we discourage phone usage on field trips and prohibit students from using cell phones.

We could not run a successful program without the assistance from chaperones. In the future, we hope that you feel inspired to continually visit Hoyt Arboretum. If you are interested in learning more about our membership opportunities, adult education classes, and family programs please visit www.hoytarboretum.org.

Thank you,

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More about us:

Located in Portland's Washington Park, Hoyt Arboretum is a museum of living trees. The 189 acre park hosts over 2,300 tree species from six continents along twelve miles of hiking trails.

The Hoyt Arboretum Friends (HAF) are a non-profit organization that works with Portland Parks & Recreation. HAF helps to maintain and improve Hoyt Arboretum and its collections through advocacy, resources, awareness, and education. Our field trip program serves over 4,000 students per year.

