



MISSOURI BOTANICAL GARDEN

K-8 MBG Field Trip Chaperone Guidelines

Thank you for agreeing to chaperone a field trip to the Missouri Botanical Garden! Your help is invaluable to ensuring a positive experience for all students and visitors at the Garden during your field trip. Please consider the following as you prepare for your visit:

1. **Help us keep everyone safe and happy by focusing on supervision of students.**

Whether your visit is facilitated by a Garden Educator or your experience is to be self-led, students will be relying on you for guidance and assistance. Please plan to stay with your group and keep cell phone use and personal conversations to a respectful minimum during your visit.

2. **Dress for the weather and wear comfortable shoes.**

All of our field trip programs include explorations out in the Garden. Garden Educators will make use of indoor spaces and conservatories in the event of inclement weather in order to keep the group safe and comfortable, but some outdoor walking will still be necessary. Dress for the weather, and consider bringing an umbrella if the forecast calls for rain.

3. **Help students remember the following behavior guidelines:**

- Please do not pick leaves, flowers, fruits, etc. Plants are living things and should be treated gently and respectfully.
- Conservatories (the Climatron, Temperate House and Linnean House) contain exotic plants. Please do not touch the plants in these collections or pick up plant material here, even if it is lying on the ground.
- Do not step in planting beds or walk in mulched areas around trees. Please walk on paths or on grassy areas surrounding the planting beds.
- Be respectful of other guests and of Garden staff, and for everyone's safety please avoid running and rough play, even in the Children's Garden. Students must be supervised by an adult chaperone at all times.

**Your help is essential to making the class experience at the Garden
fun, safe and meaningful!**

Thank you for coming along to help!