



KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Memo

To: Teacher

From: Jan Galvin

CC: Day Captain

Date: 9/20/2008

Re: Kindergarten Program Field Trip

Please find attached contact information and important details about your visit as well as materials to assist you in preparing for your visit to Sabino Canyon on-----

These materials have been designed to provide the children with an introduction to the animals and plants in Sabino Canyon. Extra copies of these materials and other information that may be of interest can be found on our website at:

http://www.scvntucson.org/PublicWebPages/Public_childrens_programs.htm

We have found that the children benefit greatly from learning a little about the canyon before their visit. Therefore, in order for your field trip to Sabino Canyon to provide an optimal learning experience for the children we would like to suggest a minimum of preparation prior to the trip. We would like you to play the bingo game with your class so the children learn a little about the animals, birds and cactus in Sabino Canyon. Discuss the key words that we will introduce and read and discuss at least one of the books on the attached reading list. We would suggest Cactus Hotel.

The Kindergarten program is scheduled for 2 hours, please be aware that certain parts of the program may be shortened or omitted if there is a delay in starting the program.

The Day Captain (Name) will call you one to two weeks prior to your visit to verify the information that you provided when you were scheduled. At that time she will confirm your arrival time, and **ensure you have clear directions to where we will meet you on the morning of your visit. (See attached map)**



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If you need to contact the Day Captain on the morning of the visit about some problem, please use the contact information on the next page. If for some reason you are unable to connect via cell phone please call the Sabino Canyon Visitor Center at 749-8700 and dial 0 to get the receptionist. Please make it clear you are with the kindergarten program as we have other children's' programs visiting the Canyon every day. She/he will contact us by radio.

We look forward to your visit.

Sabrina



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Date of Visit:

Time:

Day Captain Name and Contact Information:

Teacher Name and Contact Information:

Number of Children:

Number of Cars/Buses:

Children with Special Needs:

Lunch and/or Snacks:

Other:

- A volunteer will meet your school bus or cars at the designated point, see attached map.
- Please ensure you have cell phone contacts for each of your drivers if coming by car.
- Traffic in Sabino Canyon is limited as is the designated parking area. We are limited to 6 cars. Please keep cars to an absolute minimum. This may mean car-pooling.
- The Day Captain will ask you for the number of cars coming into the canyon. We need to be sure that all cars are accounted for in the canyon.
- The maximum number of students for each class is 60. Please divide your class into groups, with a maximum of 10 children in each group. Please provide color coded name tags to distinguish each group.
- Cold water will be provided.
- If you provide snacks, please keep them simple. The volunteer naturalist will designate snack time.
- Smoking is prohibited.
- Please refrain from using cell phones while in Sabino Canyon.
- Please make sure parents do not bring other siblings on the visit.
- If rain is predicted the day captain will contact you, if the visit is postponed we will make every effort to reschedule you at a later date.