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Guidelines for Successful Class Visits

To the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center

Managing your booking: Please go to Bookings and add additional info or make needed changes, such as any special needs of your group. (You will need to refer to your email notification for a direct link to your own booking. If you do not see it, remember to check your spam folder.) We appreciate having complete information in advance so we can prepare for a great experience for everyone!

Before your class arrives, you may:

- [Read our lesson plan\(s\)](#) on our web site, which contains ideas for preparing students and extending their prairie experience back at school.
- Practice walking outside quietly in a single file line and sitting quietly to observe nature.
- Email or photocopy the following info on our web site to share with your chaperons and students: [Rules of the Trails](#), [Tips for Chaperons](#), [Weather Information](#), and [Closet Scavenger Hunt](#). These items will help everyone prepare for a safe, fun, and educational visit.
- Discuss behavior expectations and rewards/consequences.

What to bring:

- Pencils and science notebooks or journals for 3rd grade and older. We suggest you and your chaperons also bring and use notebooks or journals.
- Clothing appropriate for the forecasted weather in the open prairie where there is “more” – more wind, more sun, more cold, more snow, and more mud, than in town.
 - No sandals due to gravel, thistles, and the possibility of travelling off-trail in fall.
 - Layered clothing, long pants, rain gear, complete snow gear, etc., is advised as seasonally appropriate. We will spend as much time outside as possible especially if students arrive prepared for the forecasted weather.
- Name tags for all students and adults to wear indoors and outside. We like to call on everyone by name. It really helps us with class management. Thanks!

Back at school, you may:

- Complete an extension activity from our [lesson plan\(s\)](#) on our web site to create a seamless curricular experience between the Prairie Wetlands Learning Center and your school.