



## TUALATIN RIVERKEEPERS®

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Dear Chaperone,

**Thank you for assisting with the Tualatin Riverkeepers' education program!** The goal of the Tualatin Riverkeepers' Field Trip Program is to increase awareness and appreciation for local wildlife and their habitat needs. In order to achieve this goal, we provide programs that stimulate genuine curiosity through field-based, hands-on activities led by volunteer naturalists. Our naturalists are educators trained to lead small groups on safe and engaging investigations into the 'secret' lives of wildlife.

The **most important things** students can learn on their trip are:

- **Respect for the natural world.**
- **Awareness of their impact on the natural area.**

**The students will learn the above by copying your behavior.** Modeling appropriate behavior and attitude is the most powerful type of teaching.

As a chaperone, your responsibilities include the following:

1. Emphasize **quiet** and **awareness** as you walk. We want to have fun, but we also want to be able to get quiet as soon as possible in order to respect our wildlife friends and so we can see them.
2. **Demonstrate appropriate behavior.** Stay on task with the naturalist, move quietly and be respectful of the natural world around you.
3. **Keep the group together.** One chaperone in each group should make sure that the entire group is together and able to see and hear the naturalist's presentation.
4. **Keep students focused.** Make sure that students are participating in activities, and help them if they have trouble. Take this opportunity to be in the moment and **don't get distracted by technology. Please keep cell phones turned off/on silent and limit photography.**

Thank you again for helping. We are happy to have you with us and hope you and the students will enjoy visiting this beautiful, natural area.

Sincerely,

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