

School Field Trip Information



Wildlife Images Rehabilitation & Education Center

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What's Involved in Field Trips & Who Can Participate?

Wildlife Images field trips are fun, interactive and educational. Students meet our resident animals on a **self-guided walking tour**** of the facility to learn about their natural history and personal stories. You should allow 2+ hours for your visit to Wildlife Images.

****New for Spring 2019** - Field trips to Wildlife Images are now self-guided to provide more flexibility for teachers and accommodate large/multiple class visits. The ability for teachers to divide their classes into smaller individual group sizes helps students see, hear and learn about the amazing work Wildlife Images does and the creatures it calls home better.

Upon arrival, teachers will divide their classes into groups, and distribute chaperones as they see fit. An orientation about Wildlife Images, the work that we do, and etiquette during your visit will be provided by your Wildlife Images host (a staff member to meet you at Mountain Lion Meadows, our student loading area). Groups will be led by you and your chaperones, aided by Wildlife Images interpreters that are stationed throughout the campus to answer questions and give information and insight into our working rehabilitation facility.

Field Trips are available to public and private schools, home school groups and alternative schools at a discounted rate (see admission cost).

If you have a large group of non-students you'd like to bring on tour, Wildlife Images offers a group rate of 10% off admission for groups of 20 or more. Call our office for more details.

Booking Your Field Trip

- There are six available arrival times per day: 9:00, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00 and 11:30 am, Monday through Friday. Please plan to be on time for your chosen time so that all groups can enjoy the facility. To schedule a date for your field trip, pick three possible dates your group can attend, in order of preference. You'll see an area to request those dates on the registration form. You can find the **SCHOOL FIELD TRIP REGISTRATION FORM** on our website at www.wildlifeimages.org
- Visits are considered booked when the registration form has been submitted **AND** you've received a confirmation via e-mail. Contact the education department staff if you do not receive a confirmation email. Dates and times are subject to availability, so book early!
- We **require** the following number of chaperones per visit:
 - 2nd grade and below: 1 chaperone per 5 students
 - 3rd grade to 8th grade: 1 chaperone per 8 students
 - 9th grade to 12th grade: 1 chaperone per 12 students

Example: A group of 11 first-grade students would require three chaperones, for a total of 14 tour participants.

- Each time slot can accommodate up to 150 guests, including required chaperones. Be sure to include chaperones in your final count.
- Groups over 150 total visitors will be required to split their visits over the available time slots. If your group is larger than 150 people, including chaperones, you will need to make two time slot requests.

Admission Cost

- We offer students a discounted admission price of \$5 per child.
- The required amount of chaperones gain *free* admission!
(Teachers are counted as chaperones).
- Any additional adults (beyond the required amount of chaperones), siblings, or non-students will receive the discounted ticket rate of \$5 each.

Scholarships

- At times, Wildlife Images receives grants that provide support for school field trips. A separate application for scholarships must be completed to qualify. If funds are available, information will be posted on the field trips website.

Any questions? Call 541-476-0222 or email fieldtrips@wildlifeimages.org

Things to Know Before Your Trip

- The facility is open rain or shine, so dress for the weather. We do make exceptions for severely inclement weather; we will make all efforts possible to notify you if there are closures.
- All field trip vehicles (busses and individual vehicles) park in the overflow parking lot, adjacent to Mountain Lion Meadows (MLM), our group off-loading and picnic area. The parking lot is accessed through our maintenance entrance, just south of the main entrance. There, you can use the portable restrooms and run out some energy before your visit. A Wildlife Images host will meet you at MLM to finalize head counts and assist.
- Picnic tables are available for groups to use with seating for approximately 50 people. MLM can accommodate large groups, and you are more than welcome to sit on the ground in the picnic area as well. Please clean up after your group by placing trash and recycling in the appropriate containers, ensuring lids are closed.
- PLEASE BRING WATER WITH YOU, as there are no fountains available.
- Please keep children clear of the parking lot except for loading, unloading and using portable restrooms (seasonal).
- Students must stay with their chaperones at all times.
- We ask that teachers and chaperones model good behavior for students by respecting the animals and the facility. We ask visitors to leave items where they find them; please don't pick up feathers, rocks or other items you might find during your visit.

Directions to Wildlife Images

Wildlife Images Rehabilitation Center is located in Southwestern Oregon, approximately 12 miles west of Grants Pass and 3.5 miles southwest of Merlin, Oregon. Our street address is 11845 Lower River Road, Grants Pass.

From I-5 (either northbound or southbound)

Take exit #61 (Merlin exit). Turn left (west) onto Merlin-Galice Road. Travel about 4 miles on Merlin-Galice Rd. to the town of Merlin. In Merlin, turn left onto Robertson Bridge Road. Travel to the second stop sign and turn left on Artlin. Travel on Artlin to the stop sign and turn left on Lower River Road. Wildlife Images is the first driveway on the right. The field trip parking is the next driveway marked "Maintenance Department".

From Grants Pass

Head west on "G" Street and stay on that road for about eleven miles. It will eventually become Lower River Road. Wildlife Images is on the left side of the road four miles past Whitehorse County Park.

If you happen to run late please call our office at 541-476-0222 to inform them, as we have a tight schedule to adhere to. Your help in this is greatly appreciated!

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Tips for a Successful Field Trip

- Help us make the most out of your visit by informing students of the guidelines they will need to follow before your visit :
 - A. Stay with your chaperones at all times
 - B. Remain at least a full arm's length away from enclosures
 - C. Use quiet calm voices, don't run or roughhouse - be courteous!
 - D. Leave items where you find them, whether it's a rock, feather, or other item.
- Chaperones are a vital part of your field trip. Explain to them that they are more than just supervisors; they help make sure that good behavior is followed so everyone gets the most out of their visit!
- Give clear directives for your students before you begin your tour. The animals need students to use quiet and calm voices, raise hands for questions, and be respectful listeners!
- Wildlife Images is a working wildlife rehabilitation center; therefore, your students may encounter staff and volunteers completing daily duties. Take advantage of these topics of discussion and teachable moments!
- Have fun visiting the AMAZING animals that call Wildlife Images home!

