

School Field Trips 2017

General information for school groups:

The Arboretum at Flagstaff provides an ideal introduction to the plants, animals, and conservation issues of the Colorado Plateau – a 130,000-square-mile area encompassing the Four-Corners region of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah, including the Grand Canyon. Self-guided (with materials provided) and docent-led programs (docents are specially trained educators) are available on the unparalleled ecology, botany, and science of the area. All of our school programs (K-5) are aligned with Arizona Science Standards and intersect with Next Generation Science Standards.

Field Trip details:

Field trips for schools are available April 15 - October 31, except Tuesdays when we are closed to the public.

Docent-led school field trips last approximately 1.5-2 hours (1 hour grade-specific program plus optional mini-hike through the Arboretum). School groups may opt to have lunch in our picnic area.

May 12 - September 30 (weather dependent), mini-hikes include a visit to our Southwest Butterfly House!

Pre-arranged school tour rates:

Docent-led Programs (minimum of 10 students)	\$5.00 per student
1 adult per 6 children	Free
Additional adults (beyond 1 per 6 children)	\$4.00 per adult
Self-Guided School groups (minimum of 10 students)	\$3.00 per student (includes 8-page guide)

Scheduling your visit:

At least 4 weeks in advance:

Schedule your trip, including: date, time, group size, grade level, program goals, and group leader's cell phone (so that we may contact you on the day of the tour if needed).

To reserve a date for your class, call (928) 774-1442, ext.110 or send an email to education@thearb.org.

At least 2 weeks in advance:

Provide billing information (Business name, Contact name, Address, Phone, and Email), so that we may invoice the proper party.

Day of your program:

Complete payment (credit card, cash, check, or Purchase Order).

Please contact the Arboretum if you will be late or have a significant change in numbers.

Plan for your trip:

- 1.) We are located 4 miles down Woody Mountain Rd. While this is the perfect location for outdoor education, please allow for a minimum of 15 minutes in travel time once you have reached Woody Mountain a scenic, yet bumpy dirt road.
- 2.) We hope that your students will have the opportunity to connect with nature and classmates at the Arboretum, and personal electronics can take us out of the moment. With this in mind, please explain to your students prior to your visit that personal electronics will not be allowed during the program.
- 3.) Your group is welcome to have a sack lunch in our picnic area. Please let us know prior to your visit if you plan to enjoy lunch on the grounds.
- 4.) Please remind your students to dress for the weather and walking outdoors. We encourage bringing reusable water bottles.

Our **School Trip Guidelines** are simple. Please review the following with your students prior to your tour:

- 1. Stay on the paths.
- 2. Do not pick or eat anything unless invited to do so by your Arboretum leader.
- 3. Leave rocks and sticks on the ground.
- 4. Do not climb on larger rocks.
- 5. Help keep our grounds beautiful by picking up any trash from your snacks or lunch.

Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in creating the most enriching experience possible. We look forward to hosting students from your school for a fun and educational visit.

Have Questions? Contact Coreen Walsh, Public Programs Manager at 928-774-1442 Ext.110 or <u>education@thearb.org</u>.