

Santa Lucia Conservancy Education Program

Teacher Information and Guidelines for Visit

Please review the following regarding your visit to the Santa Lucia Conservancy and Preserve.

Release of Liability and Parent Information Forms: The “Release of Liability” must be signed by parents of each child, and each adult chaperone participating in the class. Children without signed permission slips will not be able to participate. Adults accompanying the group may sign the form upon arrival at the Conservancy.

Directions: We will meet your group in the parking lot of the “Santa Lucia Preserve Visitor Center”, located at 26700 Rancho San Carlos Rd., Carmel. Drive 2.1 miles east of Highway 1 on Carmel Valley Rd, turn right at the fourth stoplight on Rancho San Carlos Rd. Turn right into the driveway on the right after crossing the green bridge, at the sign marked “Santa Lucia Preserve Visitor Center”. If you reach a stop sign you have passed the Visitor Center. Carpooling is recommended as parking is limited.

Water and Snacks: Our classes are quite active so please have water and a snack for your students (or lunch).

Clothing: Participants should dress in layers, as our teaching areas are exposed and the weather changeable. Sturdy, closed-toe shoes are recommended.

Weather: Rain will result in class cancellation. We will contact you if the class needs to be cancelled.

Nature walk logistics and facilities: Nature walks are conducted on the Santa Lucia Preserve. Participants gather in the Visitor Center parking lot and carpool onto the Preserve. It is at most an additional 10 minute drive to the Potrero Canyon trailhead.

Trash- There are no trash receptacles available, so please plan on taking your trash with you.

Restrooms – There is a porta-potty at the trail head.

Disposable handwipes are a good thing to bring for use before a snack or lunch since our activities are hands-on in nature.

Arrive as a group and depart as a group- Due to the trail location and transportation logistics, we ask that students and drivers stay with the group for the duration of the class.

Muddy conditions- Portions of the trail are likely to be muddy following wet weather. Please come prepared for the weather and to enjoy the experience.

Other important considerations for the nature walk: The Santa Lucia Conservancy naturalists make every effort to ensure a comfortable and safe visit. Everyone plays a role in this effort. The following are things you and your group should consider prior to your visit to the Santa Lucia Preserve:

Please stay on the trails- The naturalists will instruct you and your group to stay on the trails. It is not only a good way to limit impacts to the natural environment, it reduces visitors’ exposure to poison oak and ticks.

Reasonable precautions against ticks- The naturalists are aware of ticks and their seasonal conditions. They will choose activities that minimize contact with ticks. Participants are encouraged to wear light colored clothing and long pants. Commonly available topical insect repellants, such as *Off* and *Cutter’s* brands, applied to socks of participants, tends to be an effective precaution. You will be notified if ticks are prevalent around the time of your visit.

All participants, both parent chaperones and students must arrive and leave the Santa Lucia Preserve as a group. No exceptions will be granted, and gate access will be denied to late arrivals.

Contact us: For any questions or change in your plans, leave a message at 626-8595 Ext. 104.

SANTA LUCIA CONSERVANCY RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PARENT INFORMATION

EDUCATION PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION: (831) 626-8595, Ext. 104

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to your child's visit to the Santa Lucia Conservancy and The Santa Lucia Preserve. To ensure that all visitors have the best possible experience, please review the following suggestions. In addition, the "Release of Liability" below must be signed in order for each child and/or adult to participate in the program.

Please be sure to return the Release of Liability form to the group coordinator or bring it with you on the day of the scheduled visit.

CLOTHING

Dress appropriately for the outdoors:

- o Wear comfortable, closed toe shoes, which may get dirty or muddy.
- o Dress in layers and bring a light jacket or sweatshirt.
- o Long pants are advised unless it is unusually warm.

TRANSPORTATION

All groups meet at the "Santa Lucia Preserve Visitor Center" located at 26700 Rancho San Carlos Road, Carmel. **Directions:** Drive 2.1 miles east of Highway 1 on Carmel Valley Road; turn right at the fourth stoplight onto Rancho San Carlos Road; cross the green bridge over the river; turn right at the "Santa Lucia Preserve Visitor Center" sign. There is a large green mailbox at the driveway entrance. If you reach the stop sign at Valley Greens Drive, you have gone too far. Since parking is limited, carpooling is recommended.

NOTE: All participants traveling to the Potrero field area must arrive and leave as a group. No exceptions will be granted, and gate access to the Preserve will be denied to late arrivals.

CHAPERONES

Our classes are very active and we rely on parent helpers to assist with activities. If you are accompanying your child, please keep the following in mind:

- o Parent to parent or parent to child conversations during the class can be a distraction. Please help keep attention focused on the class activity.
- o Be available to help if there is a class project. The naturalists will provide instruction on how you may assist.
- o Please help keep students focused and make sure all participants remain with the group; this is especially important when walking on trails and in outdoor study locations.

Date of Visit: _____

School/Group Name: _____

Teacher/Contact Person: _____

RELEASE OF LIABILITY (each participant or guardian must sign):

Please be aware that the programs offered by Santa Lucia Conservancy are conducted in natural habitats with their own inherent risks. Visitors, participants and their respective guardians assume all risk of harm in any manner or degree, and they release Santa Lucia Conservancy, its officers, directors, agents, employees, and other representatives from all liability for negligent acts or omissions.

Name of Child Participating: _____

Name of Parent Participating: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____