

Hoyt Arboretum Friends



Field Trip Social Story

I am going with my class to Hoyt Arboretum for a field trip.



On my field trip, I will be outdoors exploring nature.



We may walk in different kinds of weather.
It may be sunny, rainy, foggy, warm, or cool.



My school is here to learn about trees and plants.



Nature Educators are here to help me learn and have fun.
They are wearing lanyards with their name on it.



As I get off the bus with my class, Nature Educators will greet us and help me walk safely to cross the street.



After I get off the bus, I will cross the road and walk to the Stevens Pavilion.
A Nature Educator and my teacher will help me cross the road safely.



The Stevens Pavilion has picnic tables that I can sit at while I wait to begin the field trip.



My teachers will ask if I need the bathroom while we wait. I can tell my teacher if I need to and get help going in a group to the Visitor Center.



There are two bathrooms at Hoyt Arboretum.
I can use either bathroom, they are for everyone.



When it is time to start, the Nature Educators will ask me to get in a big circle with my class.



In the big circle, I can learn about Hoyt Arboretum and today's guidelines.



The Nature Educators have special animal signs for their small groups and my teacher can tell me which group I get to learn with.



In the small group, I can share my name with my Nature Educator.
We are going for a walk for 1.5 hours.



We can get started on our walk and explore nature on the trail.



I can walk on the trail to protect the plants.
My Educator will let me know when I can step off to explore.



There are many different kinds of paths at the Arboretum.
Gravel, dirt, and paved paths are some that I might see.



My group will walk and explore most of the time we learn.
If I need a break, I can ask the adults in my group.



During our hike we will make stops for our Nature Educator to share activities with us.



I can ask my Nature Educator guide, chaperone, or my teacher if I need help.



I will tell my chaperone if I need to use the restroom. There are porta-potties that I may use or I may need to walk back to the Visitor Center bathrooms with my group. My Nature Educator guide will decide which bathroom is closest and let me know.



On my walk I can touch different nature objects.



On our walk, I may use tools to learn more about nature.



We share the Arboretum with animals, and may get to see some of them.



I will see trees from around the world!



When it's time for our program to end, our guide will lead us back to the Stevens Pavilion.



I will learn a lot of new things about science and nature at The Hoyt Arboretum.
After I leave, I can look for the things I learned about on my trip.



When it's time to leave, the bus will come back where it dropped me off.
My teacher will tell us when it's time to go and they will make sure I'm safe
crossing the street.



Lunch at Hoyt Arboretum
Stevens Pavilion

I get to have lunch at the Stevens Pavilion after my walk.



My teacher can help me decide where to sit.



I can eat my lunch at a picnic table with classmates at the table.



It might be loud. I can ask my teacher for a break if I need one.



If I need a bathroom, I can tell my teacher so an adult can walk me safely to the Visitor Center.



When I am done eating, my trash goes in the garbage cans at the corners of the Pavilion.



After lunch we will wait for the school bus.
I may finish lunch before the school bus arrives.
That's ok, I can wait at my picnic table until the teacher says it's time to go.



When it's time to leave, the bus will come back where it dropped me off.
My teacher will tell us when it's time to go and they will make sure I'm safe
crossing the street.

