



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:

Potrero Canyon Site: If you are in cars, please park in the lot beside The Preserve Gatehouse at 1 Rancho San Carlos Rd., Carmel, CA 93923 and we will meet you there to lead you onto the Preserve. If you are in a bus, please meet at the same location but wait in the right lane beside the gate house for us to guide you up.

Rancho Canada Site: From Carmel Valley Road, please turn into the Palo Corona Regional Park parking lot and drive to the easternmost part of the lot. We will wait for you there and open the gate to lead you down the dirt and gravel road to the Rancho Canada Parking area located at 5240 Carmel Valley Rd., Carmel, CA 93923. *Please note that if you put the address in Google maps, it will ask you to make a dangerous blind turn into Rancho Canada that we are preventing through the Palo Corona detour.* Carpooling is recommended as parking is limited.

Water and snacks: Our classes are quite active and we do not have water available so please bring snacks and water 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.

Nature walk logistics and facilities: Some of our programs are held at the Santa Lucia Conservancy Rancho Canada site, and others on the Santa Lucia Preserve. We will wait for all of your group to gather (if coming by car) before continuing about 15 minutes further to the Potrero Canyon trailhead.

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

Restrooms--There are porta-pottys at both locations.

Disposable handwipes can be useful as many of our activities are hands on.

Arrive as a group and depart as a group--we ask that students and drivers stay with the group for the duration of the class.

Muddy conditions--portions of the trail may be muddy following wet weather. Please come prepared for the weather.

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:

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. You will be notified if ticks are prevalent around the time of your visit, in which case participants are encouraged to wear light colored clothing and long pants. Commonly available spray insect repellent applied to socks of participants can be an effective precaution.

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 changes in your plans, contact Lead Environmental Educator Kirsten Stember at stemberkirsten@gmail.com

SANTA LUCIA CONSERVANCY RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND PARENT INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to your child’s field trip with the Santa Lucia Conservancy’s Environmental Education Program! To ensure that all visitors have the best possible experience, please review the following guidelines. In addition, the “Release of Liability” for the Conservancy and naturalists must be signed in order for each child and/or adult to participate in the program (3 signatures required). Please be sure to return the 3 liability release forms to the group coordinator or bring it with you on the day of the scheduled visit.

CLOTHING

Dress appropriately for the outdoors:

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

TRANSPORTATION

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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:

- Parent to parent or parent to child conversations during the class can be a distraction. Please keep attention focused on the class activity.
- Be available to help if there is a class project. The naturalists will provide instruction on how you may assist.
- 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 _____

SANTA LUCIA CONSERVANCY 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, agents, employees, and other representatives from all liability for negligent acts or omissions.

Name of Child Participating: _____

Name of Parent Participating: _____

Print Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Date: _____

KIRSTEN STEMBER PARTICIPANT WAIVER

The undersigned voluntarily agrees to participate in the nature walk / walking tour put on by Kirsten Stember on _____(date).

The undersigned recognizes that Kirsten Stember has not undertaken any duty or responsibility for his or her safety and the undersigned agrees to assume the full responsibility for all risk of bodily injury, death, disability, and property damage as a result of participating in the nature walk / walking tour. The undersigned recognizes that these risks include: walking in a natural environment with uneven surfaces, under trees and limbs, and with wildlife.

By my signature, I hereby state that I understand the risks involved in participating in the nature walk / walking tour and willingly and voluntarily accept these risks. By my signature, I hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless Kirsten Stember and Santa Lucia Conservancy, its officers, agents, employees, volunteers and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises, from any and all claims, demands, losses, damages and liability, including attorney’s fees brought as a result of or related to any injury sustained and liability incurred during my participation in the activity described above. By my signature, I warrant that I am not relying on any oral representations, statements or inducement apart from the statements made on this form.

By signing below, I confirm that I have read this participant waiver, fully understand its terms, and understand that I am giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue. I acknowledge that I am signing the agreement freely and voluntarily and consent to the terms of this waiver agreement.

Print name (Parent and child if both attend) _____
Signature _____
Date _____

Matt Buonaguidi PARTICIPANT WAIVER

The undersigned voluntarily agrees to participate in the nature walk / walking tour put on by New Contractor on _____(date).

The undersigned recognizes that Matt Buonaguidi has not undertaken any duty or responsibility for his or her safety and the undersigned agrees to assume the full responsibility for all risk of bodily injury, death, disability, and property damage as a result of participating in the nature walk / walking tour. The undersigned recognizes that these risks include: walking in a natural environment with uneven surfaces, under trees and limbs, and with wildlife.

By my signature, I hereby state that I understand the risks involved in participating in the nature walk / walking tour and willingly and voluntarily accept these risks. By my signature, I hereby release, indemnify, and hold harmless Matt Buonaguidi and Santa Lucia Conservancy, its officers, agents, employees, volunteers and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises, from any and all claims, demands, losses, damages and liability, including attorney’s fees brought as a result of or related to any injury sustained and liability incurred during my participation in the activity described above. By my signature, I warrant that I am not relying on any oral representations, statements or inducement apart from the statements made on this form.

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