



THE WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY WHITEWATER PRESERVE

Dear Teacher:

Thank you for reserving a school program for your **6th grade students** to **Whitewater Preserve**. Your program date is **May 17**, for approximately **70 students**. We will expect your bus or cars between **9:30 - 10:00 am**. Departure is from **12:30 to 1 pm**. Please call ahead if your arrival time changes. This letter will help insure that you and your students will arrive with everything needed to enjoy your visit.

The Preserve's address is 9160 Whitewater Canyon Rd. and is located off of I-10, one exit west of HWY 62. Exit Whitewater onto Whitewater Cutoff Rd., turn left onto Whitewater Canyon Rd. and head north about 4.5 miles until you reach the gate at the end of the road. The preserve phone number is (760) 325-7222.

We will meet your bus at south end of the side parking lot. Students should bring water and leave heavy backpacks on the bus. We will gather on the grass for a general introduction before breaking into groups for the walk. Generally we have five guides for a group of 60 students. After the walk and picnic lunch, we will break into groups for activities.

Please remind you students to **eat breakfast** on the day of the trip, as lunch will be after the walk. **Please make sure they bring water and that they keep it with them.** We ask all visitors, including students, to pack out their own lunch trash. If your students do not have backs, please bring trash bags for the class. Our **Pack it In, Pack it Out** policy strategy prepares your students for visiting our preserves with their families.

We ask you to provide **1 adult chaperone for every 12 children.**

Our focus is on the watershed and all programs include proximity to water. Please make sure that your students are wearing appropriate outdoor clothing and are prepared for extreme, windy and possibly wet weather. It is important that they wear closed-toe shoes with reasonable tread for hiking over rocky terrain and that they dress in layers for changing weather conditions.

Don't forget to help us improve our programs by filling out the Teacher Evaluation forms after your trip. TWC is a California nonprofit 501(c) (3) public benefit corporation dedicated to preserving the beauty and biodiversity of the earth, and providing programs so that children may know the wonder and joy of nature. **TWC provides all education programs free of cost. Donations from your school will help us continue to provide this important community service!**

We look forward to meeting you and your students.

Sincerely,

Caroline Conway
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