



Greetings Chaperones!

Thank you for your willingness to serve as chaperone on a field trip to Maine Audubon!

We appreciate the time and energy you're giving to your group. By having you help students, the Maine Audubon educator is able to focus on program delivery.

Here are some tips to help you in your role:

- Be present and model engagement. Please stay with the group and avoid side conversations, or activity that might distract students from the program.
- Silence and void using your phone. Please refrain from texting or using your phone. If you have a call you must take, please let the educator or teacher know, and step off to the side.
- Let students think for themselves. It can be tempting to give children answers to questions. We appreciate your help in letting students come up with their own ideas.
- Stay with the group. All groups must have a Maine Audubon educator AND one adult with them at all times. If you must leave the group for any reason, please make sure there is another adult with the group.
- Prioritize safety. Please listen to the safety protocols given by the Maine Audubon educator and model proper behavior. Address any unsafe behavior demonstrated by students.
- Be ready to help out when asked by a Maine Audubon educator. This could be escorting a student to the restroom, helping to give a student a break, addressing a student behavior, etc.

Thank you again for your help! These field trips couldn't happen without volunteers. We hope you learn something new during your time with us, and please feel free to return on your own!

With gratitude,

Maine Audubon