

Teacher Task List and Timeline

The guidance and supervision of Salmon Watch teachers and chaperones before, during, and after the program is crucial for success. Please read this guide carefully and ensure that all participating teachers and chaperones review this information well before your program date.

August

- Ensure your field trip is scheduled using our Signup Genius form
- Reserve a school bus for your field trip
- Arrange for substitute teacher if needed

September

- Incorporate Salmon Watch curriculum into your classroom instruction before and/or after field trip - *see page 13 for ideas of how to do this!*
- Invite parents or other approved school volunteers to serve as chaperones on your field trip (*minimum of 4 volunteers required per class*)

Two weeks before field trip

- Confirm any needed schedule changes or special needs with the [Program Coordinator](#)
- Send the Student Waivers home to be signed by parents, and collect signed forms to submit to Program Coordinator - *English and Spanish versions available on pages 19-20*
- Have chaperones sign the Adult Waiver form (pg 21) and collect these to give to Program Coord.

One week before field trip

- Show students this [Salmon Watch Field Trip Preparation Slideshow](#)
- Provide Chaperone Responsibilities sheet to all adult volunteers
- Send the Salmon Watch Program Information and Packing List sheet home with each student (the week before your field trip) - *English and Spanish versions available on pages 17-18*
- Prepare student and chaperone name tags

Day before field trip

- Distribute student and chaperone name tags
- Reiterate field trip packing list, schedule, and behavior expectations with students

Day of field trip

- Monitor student safety/behavior
- Help facilitate students' learning experience
- Take photos/video to send to Program Coordinator

After field trip

- Have students write thank you notes to volunteers and send to Program Coordinator (optional but always appreciated!)
- Send any photos and video you took during your field trip to the Program Coordinator
- Complete the online teacher evaluation form (this will be sent to you in November - submit by December 1st)

SALMON WATCH CHAPERONE RESPONSIBILITIES

Thank you for volunteering to be a chaperone at your school's upcoming Salmon Watch field trip. You have an amazing experience ahead of you! Being a Salmon Watch Volunteer is a challenging and rewarding job. Jump in! Get involved! Above all, have fun!



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Here are a few suggestions to help you.

What is my role as a Chaperone?

You will be working with students in the field, sharing your perspective and maximizing their learning experience. Please demonstrate exemplary behavior and attitude in the natural environment. Your curiosity will lead others to follow suit.

You are responsible for the health and safety of these people when they are engaged in activities led by you. Safety must be a top priority. It's better to be too conservative than to have an injury. Don't let kids climb on logs or boulders. If you have a student and/or adult along who is not surefooted, make sure they get assistance.

Student Management

- Introduce yourself and help your group get to know you.
- Learn the kids' names and know how many students are in your group.
- Clearly communicate expectations and potential hazards and reinforce rules and boundaries set forward by the Program Coordinator and Station Leaders.
- Keep a constant head count of your group.
- Monitor students for behavioral issues. Ensure they are acting respectfully toward each other, the Station Leaders, and the environment around them.
- Support Station Leaders by helping them to get students' attention, quiet students down when needed, and pull aside any students causing distractions or issues so that Station Leaders can provide instruction.

How can I help students get the most out of their field trip?

- Talk with the teacher about their goals for the trip. Be sure you understand the plan and schedule for the day.
- Review Salmon Watch activities before your trip (available online at www.lbsw.org).
- Utilize "teachable moments" during the day: be alert to unique opportunities that may offer a springboard for further discussion.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS TO CLEMENS COUNTY PARK

From Corvallis, take Highway 20 west through Philomath. Turn left onto Highway 34. Continue on this road for about 14 miles (take care on the windy portions and watch out for large trucks). A few minutes after you pass the Thyme Garden, turn left onto Seeley Creek Road. Follow this road around a sharp right turn until you cross the bridge into a large parking lot. If possible, please park on the side with the restrooms to save room for the bus(es).

SALMON WATCH PROGRAM

PARENT INFORMATION SHEET AND PACKING LIST



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Field Trip Date: _____

Field Trip Location: Clemens County Park, Alsea

Salmon Watch is an exciting outdoor field trip that we hope your child remembers for the rest of their life! Your child will spend the day learning about rivers, fish, ecology, and how they can help local ecosystems. This field trip is led by staff at Benton Soil and Water Conservation District and a team of dedicated volunteer Station Leaders.

What will my child do on this field trip?

- Hike on trails (these are all generally wide and flat)
- Spend time along the river and creek
- Use scientific tools and do experiments to learn about the ecosystem

Important: You can expect that the weather may be wet and/or cold. The field trip takes place entirely outside - there are no indoor facilities at Clemens Park. Your child may also be entering the creek (up to their ankles). The packing list below will help make sure your child is as comfortable as possible.

Make sure your child wears or brings:

- Warm, thick jacket (such as fleece) - not just a hoodie!
- WATERPROOF jacket with a HOOD (we will provide ponchos to those who need them)
- Waterproof pants or waders if you have them
- Warm winter hat
- Winter gloves or mittens
- Waterproof boots (if you have them) or hiking shoes (we will provide extra waterproof boots to those who need them)
- Warm socks and bring an EXTRA pair of warm socks
- Water bottle

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher at:

Thank you!

PROGRAMA DE "SALMON WATCH" INFORMACIÓN PARA PADRES Y LISTA DE EMPAQUE



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Fecha de Excursión: _____

Lugar de Excursión: Clemens County Park, Alsea

¡"Salmon Watch" es una excursión divertido al aire libre que esperamos que su hijo recuerde por el resto de su vida! Su hijo pasará el día aprendiendo sobre ríos, peces, ecología y cómo pueden ayudar a los ecosistemas locales. Esta excursión está dirigida por el personal del Distrito de Conservación de Agua y Suelo de Benton y un grupo de voluntarios dedicados.

¿Qué hará mi hijo en esta excursión?

- Caminar por senderos (por lo general, todos son anchos y planos)
- Pase tiempo a lo largo del río y el arroyo
- Usar herramientas científicas y hacer experimentos para aprender sobre el ecosistema

Importante: Que el clima sea húmedo y/o frío. La excursión es completamente al aire libre: no hay instalaciones interiores en Clemens Park. Es posible su hijo también puede estar entrando al arroyo (hasta los tobillos). La siguiente lista de equipaje le ayudará a asegurarse de que su hijo esté lo más cómodo posible.

Asegúrese de que su hijo use o traiga:

- Chaqueta gruesa y abrigada (como un forro polar), ¡no solo una sudadera!
- Chaqueta IMPERMEABLE con CAPUCHA (nosotros tendremos ponchos a quienes los necesiten)
- Pantalones impermeables o waders si los tiene
- Gorro cálido de invierno
- Guantes o manoplas de invierno
- Botas impermeables (si las tiene) o zapatos para caminar (nosotros tendremos botas impermeables adicionales a quienes las necesiten)
- Calcetines calientes y un par EXTRA
- Botella de agua

Si tiene algunas preguntas, comuníquese con el maestro de su hijo al:

Gracias!

SALMON WATCH STUDENT WAIVER

Please sign and return to your student's teacher

by: _____



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In consideration for being permitted to perform the below-described activity(ies), the under-signed parent or guardian agrees to hold harmless the Benton Soil and Water Conservation District, its officers, agents, and employees from and against all liability, claims, and demands, on account of injury, loss, or damage to student, including without limitation, claims arising from bodily injury, personal injury, sickness, disease, or death which the student may personally sustain during the course of performing activities with the Salmon Watch program.

Activities to be performed may include, but are not limited to:

- Walking and hiking on trails
- Activities along and within the river or creek
- Use of scientific equipment and chemicals
- Exposure to the elements including wind, rain, and cold temperatures
- Encounters with toxic plants and wildlife

I am/we are the parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of the student and by my/our signature, agree to be bound by and responsible for all of the provisions of this Release and Indemnification Agreement, on behalf of ourselves, the student, and the successors, Representatives, heirs, executors, assigns, and transferees of ourselves and the student. I/we consent to the execution of this Release and Indemnification Agreement and Participation in the above-described activity(ies).

Signed names of parent(s)/legal guardian(s):

Printed name of signer(s):

Date: _____

"SALMON WATCH" FORMULARIO DE RENUNCIA



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Firme y devuélvalo al maestro de su hijo antes de esta fecha: _____

Por tener permiso para realizar la(s) actividad(es) descrita(s) a continuación, el padre o tutor que firma abajo acepta eximir de toda responsabilidad al Distrito de Conservación de Suelos y Aguas de Benton, sus funcionarios, agentes y empleados de toda responsabilidad, reclamo y demanda, debido a lesiones, pérdidas o daños al estudiante, incluidos, entre otros, reclamos que surjan de lesiones corporales, lesiones personales, enfermedades, dolencias o muerte que el estudiante pueda sufrir personalmente durante el curso de la realización de actividades con el programa Salmon Watch.

Las actividades a realizar pueden incluir, pero no se limitan a:

- Caminatas por senderos
- Actividades a lo largo y dentro del río o arroyo
- Uso de equipos científicos y productos químicos
- Exposición a los elementos, incluidos el viento, la lluvia y las bajas temperaturas
- Encuentros con la fauna silvestre

Soy/somos el(los) padre(s)/tutor(es) legal(es) del estudiante y con mi/nuestra firma, acepto ser obligado y responsable de todas las disposiciones de este Acuerdo de Liberación e Indemnización. ment, en nombre de nosotros, el estudiante y los sucesores, Representantes, herederos, albaceas, cesionarios y cesionarios de nosotros mismos y del estudiante. Yo/nosotros damos nuestro consentimiento para la ejecución de este Acuerdo de Liberación e Indemnización y Participación en la(s) actividad(es) arriba descrita(s).

Firmas de los padres/tutores legales:

Escriba los nombres aquí:

Fecha: _____

SALMON WATCH ADULT WAIVER

Please sign and return to your student's teacher

by: _____



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- Exposure to the elements including wind, rain, and cold temperatures
- Encounters with toxic plants and wildlife
- Interactions with and behavior management of students

I am aware of the risks and by my signature, agree to be bound by and responsible for all of the provisions of this Release and Indemnification Agreement, on behalf of myself and my successors, Representatives, heirs, executors, assigns, and transferees. I consent to the execution of this Release and Indemnification Agreement and Participation in the above-described activity(ies).

Signed By: _____

Date: _____

Printed Name: _____