



Butterfly Magic Info Sheet

Thank you for choosing *Butterfly Magic* as an experience for your youth group. We want you and your group to have a great experience.

Planning your trip

One chaperone is required for every ten students. Please give each chaperone a copy of the Chaperone Letter, available on-line at <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org/education/families-kids/school-tours/>. You and the chaperones are expected to monitor students so they, our exhibit, and our other visitors have a safe and fun visit. The exhibit is hot and humid and some children become stressed. Because of this, fifteen minutes is our time limit for youth groups.

A designated contact person is needed to check-in inside the Gift Shop (at the entrance to the Gardens). Due to limited space in the Gift Shop, only the contact person should enter the Gift Shop, please have everyone else wait on the sidewalk. The contact person will need to provide Gift Shop personnel with the exact number of youth and the exact number of adults in the group. If you are not the contact person, then please give that information to the contact person prior to, or at, arrival.

Arrival

Bus loading and unloading

Please have driver drop-off and pick-up students at the sidewalk at the Gardens' parking lot west-end. Due to limited parking space, please ask the driver to park elsewhere than the Gardens' property.

The contact person will check-in inside the Gift Shop while the remainder of your group waits outside on the sidewalk at the west-end of the parking lot. Typically, a greeter will come to meet your group at this site.

In the butterfly exhibit

Children are expected to behave as if the exhibit were an indoor museum, respecting the plants, butterflies, and other visitors. We need your help in this, because the exhibit is an exciting place for children.

Butterflies are fragile. Children should not be attempting to catch them or handle them. Often butterflies will be "puddling" on the ground, so children may need reminders to watch their feet and to stay on the path. If a butterfly lands on a child, and the child might damage it, please have exhibit workers remove it appropriately.

In the Gardens

Staying on pathways even outside the butterfly exhibit is important. Our plants are our exhibit. Some of our plants, especially the cacti, also pose a risk to a child.

We have a picnic area, though many groups prefer to picnic at either Brandi Fenton Memorial Park (continue north on Alvernon until it meets River Rd) or Fort Lowell Park (located 1.7 miles northwest of the Gardens) because there children are more free to run around.

More information is available at <http://www.tucsonbotanical.org/education/families-kids/school-tours/>

We hope you enjoy your visit.

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