Field Lab Information 2021/2022

Field labs are an integral part of our curriculum at Ocean Studies Charter School. The following information is important for all parents to read prior to our field labs. Do not hesitate to contact Ms.Martha (Martha.Loizeaux@KeysSchools.com) with any further questions.

*Please note that we require students to bring a REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE on all field trips and wear a RASH GUARD OR SWIM SHIRT over swimsuits on all water field trips.

*All field lab information will be communicated via the “Remind” app ONLY.

1. Safety
Student safety is the MOST important factor we consider when planning and conducting field labs. We use the following guidelines to help reduce risks while outside of school grounds:

• All students must wear safety belts on the bus.
• All students must wear life jackets at all times while snorkeling, kayaking, or boating.
• Outdoor field labs are weather dependent and may be cancelled without prior notice if weather becomes a concern. Changes will be communicated via the Remind app.
• All students must exhibit the ability and willingness to follow basic directions given by teachers and guides.
2. **Covid-19 Considerations** –
We will adhere to the same guidelines that are used daily during live school. This includes:

- Masks are recommended for both vaccinated and un-vaccinated people.
- Social distancing is maintained whenever possible at field lab locations.
- Hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes used on contact surfaces.
- Only outdoor locations or locations where social distancing indoors is possible. All locations approved in advance by Ms.Trisha.

3. **Timing and Logistics**
Our field labs do not always depart at the same time (refer to the online calendar) but we will almost always plan to return to school at 3:00pm. Of course, this timing is dependent on traffic and weather conditions and may vary.
Any last minute updates or changes will be communicated to families via the Remind app.
For safety reasons, your child must return to his/her classroom upon returning from the field lab so that the teacher can account for all students. If you are picking your child up at the field lab location, PLEASE BE SURE TO SIGN OUT with the teacher.

4. **Chaperone Expectations** –
As a chaperone, you are responsible for transporting yourself to and from field lab locations and you may be asked to pay entrance fees in some cases. Also, if you choose to chaperone a lab, we ask that you help with adult supervision and adhere to our chaperone guidelines:

- **There is absolutely NO smoking or drinking alcohol on any trips.**
- You may not transport any child to and from trip locations unless approved in advance by school administration.
- Please encourage children to follow teacher directions by modeling them yourself.
- **You are required to follow the same rules as students, including wearing rash guards or T-shirts over swimsuits. Be aware of what you are wearing to ensure it is school appropriate.**
- Teachers have coordinated student groups and itineraries for a reason. Please do not ask for these to be changed.
• If you are present for labs, we expect you to participate in physical activities such as kayaking, swimming, or snorkeling.
• Have fun!!

5. Curriculum Connections
We want you to know that the field labs are an important part of our curriculum at Ocean Studies, rather than a fun additional activity. All field labs are Florida Standards based so it is important that your child participates in all field labs unless health or physical limitations don’t allow it. It is also important that your child attends the school day prior to afternoon field labs. Instruction in school is equally rigorous and important on field lab day as it is any other day.

6. Prepare Your Child
Please send your child to school on field lab day with the appropriate clothing and supplies. We will typically have field labs every week. Refer to the online calendar for specific dates, times, and locations.

The day before your child’s field lab day, Ms. Martha will send a message via the Remind app to let you know if the field lab will be “wet” or “dry”. More details will be available on the online calendar.

“Wet” Field Labs:
• Swimsuit and rash guard or swim shirt
• Towel
• Sunscreen and insect repellent
• REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE!!!
• Water shoes
• Change of clothes
• Snorkel gear if applicable

“Dry” Field Labs:
• REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE!!!
• Tennis shoes
• Sunscreen and insect repellent
I, __________________________________________ have received this field lab information and agree to the guidelines and precautions listed.

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Student Name

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Parent Name

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Parent Signature

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Date