

Buena Vista Audubon Nature Center and Lagoon

School Visitations

<http://bvaudubon.org/>

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Before You Arrive:

- Send an email request to the program coordinator: Sally Bickerton at sallybic@cox.net
- If your school is a Title I School in need of a bus grant, please be sure to fill out the information when you request a date. There are limited funds available.
- Review the special rules with students and chaperones. *
- Inform all chaperones of their role. **
- Divide the students into groups of 8. (The number of groups may vary depending on the number of nature guides each day.)
- Make sure that all students and adults are wearing a legibly printed nametag.
- The lagoon trail can be muddy. Ask your students to wear closed-toed shoes.
- You may want to advise students to wear hats, sunglasses, and sunscreen.
- Students always learn more if they are prepared. You may want to review the content and appropriate vocabulary in order for students to get the most from their visit. See lists at <http://bvaudubon.org/education/>

When You Arrive:

- If you arrive by bus, be sure to have the bus park on the street. The parking lot does not accommodate buses.
- Have students line up outside the front door and check in with a docent before walking in.
- Students need not sit with their assigned groups, but should fill in the seats from front to back as quietly and quickly as possible.
- If students have brought backpacks and/or lunches, they should place them under their chairs.



*** Nature Center and Trail Rules for Students:**

1. Food (including gum) cannot be eaten inside the center.
2. Snacks and lunches may be eaten on the benches outside. Please be sure ALL trash is deposited in the outside trashcan.
3. Cell phones should be turned off, and should only be used for photos.
4. Stay behind your leader. Stay together and walk only on the trail.
5. Use soft voices and listen to your leader.
6. This is an ecological preserve. Objects (such as flowers, rocks, etc.) may not be collected.
7. Refrain from putting hands on the glass cases or indoor specimens.
8. Walk, don't run.
9. If you need to use the restroom, notify your group leader.

**** Nature Center Rules for Chaperones:**

1. Please be sure you have read the rules for students.
2. Stay with your group. You may be asked to walk at the back of the group to help keep kids from straying.
3. Please help keep the students focused. Refrain from side conversations.
4. Cell phones should be turned off and used for photos only.