

FAQs



FORMS & FEES

A signed Participant Agreement is required for all participants. A blank form is available [here](#); please fill in the class and date, then sign.

Participants are responsible for paying park entrance fees.

FOOD & LODGING

Participants are responsible for all meals and snacks unless mentioned as being included in the program's description. Participants are responsible for making their own lodging arrangements. Some programs may have a block of rooms set aside at a local hotel; in those cases, instructions and codes will be provided in the registration confirmation email.

AMENITIES

Cell phone service is spotty to non-existent in most of Death Valley and nearby areas. We recommend putting cell phones in airplane mode to conserve battery life.

Bathrooms: There are few, to no, bathrooms or vault toilets on field excursions. When not available, participants and leaders should follow Leave No Trace principles. Learn more about [Leave No Trace Principles](#).

CHILDREN & PETS

Pets are not allowed on any Field Excursions.

Helper animals are allowed, however, owners are responsible for packing out all solid waste.

Children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Most programs do not state a minimum age, but there is no reduced price for children and they are expected to keep up with the group.

REQUIRED EQUIPMENT

WATER. Bringing water cannot be stressed enough, even in colder months, when the dry air will still suck the moisture from your body. A minimum of 2 liters – that can be carried – per person for shorter hikes and programs with multiple short stops; 3 liters or more for longer hikes. It is strongly recommended that additional water be carried in the car. Snacks and/or electrolyte drinks. Drinking water without replacing electrolytes with food or electrolyte drinks can result in water intoxication, which can be serious.

A small pack for carrying water and supplies is required for hikes.

Sturdy shoes or hiking boots are strongly recommended – even short walks from vehicles can be on uneven, unstable, or rocky terrain.

Proper vehicle. Some programs may require high-clearance or 4-wheel drive. This will be noted in the program description.

WHAT TO WEAR

Sun protection: hat, sunscreen, long-sleeved shirts, sunglasses, etc.

Dress in layers – there can, and probably will be, large temperature changes during the day

Light jacket – deserts can get cold, especially in the morning

ADDITIONAL ITEMS: Personal First Aid Kit, Camera, Walking/Hiking sticks