Field trip checklist

The More Kids in the Woods kits feature lessons to get students outside to experience birds in their natural environment. Whether you are visiting the National Forest, local park, or even your schoolyard, consider these steps in preparation for taking your class outdoors.

1. Decide on Field Trip Lesson Plan
Select a More Kids in the Woods lesson plan fit for your classroom. Then read over the provided background information, activity procedure, and field trip ideas.

2. Select Site and Date
Check out your local forest service map for potential field trip sites. Call ahead to the ranger station to learn about potential road closures, and obtain other helpful information about the field trip site. Schoolyards are also a great field trip site. Remember to schedule alternate dates in case of bad weather!

3. Make Chaperone Arrangements
You should arrange to have at least one chaperone for every 5-7 students. Chaperones help supervise and guide students while ensuring students are safe. It is a good idea to provide chaperones with expectations and guidelines prior to the trip so they can make the most of the trip for both themselves and the students.

4. Gather Equipment
Gather materials needed for the lessons, such as: binoculars, field guides, clipboards, and pencils. After picking a lesson plan browse the introductory side panel for additional materials needed. Make sure to make enough copies of student journal sheets associated with each lesson.

5. Prepare Students
Give students a list of things they will need to bring. Depending on the field trip, this may include a day pack, hat, sturdy shoes, appropriate clothing (warm coat, rain jacket, gloves), sun block, lunch and/or snacks, and water.

6. Prepare Yourself
If you have never been to the field trip site before, it is worth a pre-trip visit. Think about potential materials that could be helpful on the field trip, i.e. a tarp for students to sit on if the ground is wet, toilet paper and trowel if students must bury waste, trash bag if students will be removing trash, etc... You may choose to bring extra lunch and/or snacks, water bottles and extra layers of clothing (some student may forget or need more). Also bring a first aid kit for safety.
Further Resources


Additional Resource Websites

American Birding Association [www.americanbirding.org/](http://www.americanbirding.org/)


Bird Education Alliance for Conservation (BEAC) [http://www.birdedalliance.org/](http://www.birdedalliance.org/)


Cornell Lab of Ornithology [www.birds.cornell.edu](http://www.birds.cornell.edu)


International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) [www.birdday.org](http://www.birdday.org)

Klamath-Siskiyou eBird [ebird.org/Klamath-Siskiyou/](http://ebird.org/Klamath-Siskiyou/)

National Audubon Society [www.audubon.org](http://www.audubon.org)

National Fish and Wildlife Foundation [www.nfwf.org](http://www.nfwf.org)

Partners in Flight [www.partnersinflight.org](http://www.partnersinflight.org)

Peterson Online [www.petersononline.com](http://www.petersononline.com)

Point Reyes Bird Observatory [www.prbo.org](http://www.prbo.org)

PBS [www.pbs.org/lifeofbirds.com](http://www.pbs.org/lifeofbirds.com)

Wild Birds Unlimited (WBU) [www.wbu.com](http://www.wbu.com)
Appendix

More Kids in the Woods Partners Websites


Klamath Basin Research and Extension Service (Klamath County) [http://extension.oregonstate.edu/klamath/watershed/index.htm](http://extension.oregonstate.edu/klamath/watershed/index.htm)


Lomakatsi Restoration Project [http://lomakatsi.org](http://lomakatsi.org)


Rogue Valley Audubon Society [http://roguevalleyaudubon.org](http://roguevalleyaudubon.org)


Willow Wind Learning Center [http://www.ashland.k12.or.us/SectionIndex.asp?SectionID=49](http://www.ashland.k12.or.us/SectionIndex.asp?SectionID=49)