

Southland Christian Academy
Field Trip Guidelines for Parents

Field trips are one of the most enjoyable aspects of a student's school experience. Students have the fun of learning new things, the joy of sharing the trip with friends, and the excitement of doing something different from the normal daily routine. On many trips, parents ask to join the group for the trip. As a parent, you may be unaware of our field trip policies, and that may inadvertently create an awkward situation for the teacher, yourself, or students on the trip. To eliminate awkward or embarrassing situations, please read the following parent guidelines. *By signing this form you are agreeing to follow these guidelines.*

General Expectations of Parents on Field Trips

Please be aware that, as a school function, the teacher in charge has complete authority over all students going to, at, and returning from a field trip (even though you and/or other parents are present).

When parents attend a field trip, they are adult representatives of Southland Christian Academy. Accordingly, we expect our parents to dress in moderation and to use only actions and language that reflect Christian character.

Unless there is an emergency that requires immediate attention, please hold all suggestions, issues, or comments until a later date. Safety and accountability of all students is of paramount interest to the teacher during the trip. Suggestions or comments will be welcomed later.

Whether you are supervising a group of students or not, the *Souvenirs* and *Lunch* guidelines (below) is policy for all students.

Parental Supervision of Students

Active Supervision - If you have volunteered to supervise a group of students it clearly understood that you will not leave your group unsupervised at any time. Every child in your group must be within your immediate supervision and accounted for at all times. Do not volunteer to supervise a group if you are unable to meet this requirement.

Exchanging Students - Students in your group must stay together throughout the day. Students may not be exchanged with other groups without the prior consent of the teacher in charge.

Behavior Correction - If a student misbehaves or will not follow your instructions, correct the child with a warning that if the behavior continues you will take him/her to the teacher in charge. Never use physical force, threats, or harsh/abusive comments in an attempt to produce compliance. (The only time you may physically handle a student is when there is clear danger that he/she must be immediately removed from.)

Souvenirs - Field trips are primarily educational, so children may not be afforded time or permission to purchase souvenirs. Do not allow students in your group to purchase souvenirs unless the teacher in charge has granted permission to the entire class, and please do not purchase souvenirs for children if they ask you to. When souvenirs are allowed students may not purchase guns, knives, bows and arrows, or any other toy weapon.

Lunch and food - If field trip lunch or snack is purchased, it is usually 'bulk purchased' to speed the process. In other words, standard menu items are ordered for all students. While most children are accustomed to ordering their favorite menu items, they probably won't be allowed to on a field trip, and must eat what has been purchased. Parents are free to purchase their own preferences for lunch. Parents may not modify the student order or purchase other items for their child or others in their group unless approved in advance by the teacher in charge.

Other

If you leave your car at school during the field trip please do not park in the drive-through area or in the preschool lot.

Only a student's parents or grandparents are allowed. No other children, young adults, or other adults are allowed on a field trip.

I have read and agree to these guidelines.

Signature

Date