

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We will be taking a field trip to Wonders of Wildlife on May 16th, 2018. We will leave from the school around 8:45 AM. We should return around 2:30 PM that afternoon. Each student is responsible for the cost of his or her ticket. The ticket price is \$10.00 (non-refundable). Students are able to use a season pass if they have one, but you must contact the homeroom teacher to set this up ahead of time. All students need to bring or order a sack lunch this day. We would like all money and permission slips returned to your child's homeroom teacher in a labeled envelope by Friday, May 11th. Checks should be made out to the Willard Intermediate School. We do not have change so if paying in cash please send the exact amount.

We want every student to have the opportunity to attend, so please let your homeroom teacher know if cost is an issue. Any parent willing to sponsor another child would be greatly appreciated. Students with repeated behavior issues and/or write-ups may lose their privilege to attend. The decision will be at teacher/principal discretion.

We would like to thank our wonderful PTO for their generosity, as well as everyone that participated in our fundraisers, to help bring the cost down and enable our sixth graders to have this great experience!

Thanks so much,
Mrs. Brobisky, Mrs. Raby, Mrs. Hill, and Mrs. Rasco

Wonders of Wildlife Field Experience Itinerary

9:15 AM	Arrive at Wonders of Wildlife - Marlin Fountain
9:30 AM	Aquarium EdVenture
11:30 AM	Lunch Break
12:00 PM	Wildlife Gallery EdVenture

Behavior Expectations

To ensure the all of our guests have a great time at WOW, it is important that teachers, students and chaperones abide by the following behavior guidelines. By requesting a field experience at Wonders of Wildlife you agree to enforce these behaviors with your students and chaperones. If you permit your students to visit Bass Pro Shops located directly next door to WOW, the same behavior guidelines apply. Please review the following behavior guidelines with your students and chaperones.



- 1. Stay with your class/group.** Students must stay with their teacher/chaperone at all times. This includes lunch breaks, bathroom breaks, and trips into the Bass Pro Shops store.
- 2. Be respectful of other guests.** Please use your indoor voice and refrain from yelling. When possible, use the stairs and the escalators, leaving the elevators available for those who need them.
- 3. Safety First.** For your safety, always face forward on the escalators and keep one hand on the railing. Walk; do not run through any area of WOW.
- 4. Respect the Wonders of Wildlife exhibits and facility.** Please use notebooks or clipboards to write against, do not use walls, windows or exhibit signage. Climbing on exhibit rocks, ledges or railings is prohibited.
- 5. Respect the animals.** At the touch exhibits, touch the animals gently with two fingers, avoiding the animal's eyes, mouth, and gills. WOW staff and volunteers will be present to demonstrate the proper technique. Do not remove the animal from its exhibit or lift it out of the water. Do not disturb the animals by tapping on the windows.
- 6. Do not feed the animals.** Only feed the animals where our staff has supplied food. Do not feed any animal any item that has been purchased from concessions, brought from home, or found on the ground as it could be harmful to them.
- 7. Do not use flash photography.** We would love for you to share your experience at Wonders of Wildlife on your social media accounts, however, the use of flash photography is strictly prohibited as it can be harmful to our animals and historical artifacts.
- 8. Use designated areas for snacks and lunches.** Schools groups will have designated picnic areas if you choose to eat lunch at WOW. Our team will help you find the perfect spot for your class to enjoy their lunch break. All drinks and snacks should remain in the concessions or designated lunch areas.
- 9. Teachers and chaperones are responsible for all students.** While acting as a chaperone on a field trip adults should stay with their designated group at all times, this includes inside Bass Pro Shops.

The above behavior guidelines are in place for the protection of your students and Wonders of Wildlife animals. Any group violating these policies may be asked to leave.

****RETURN THE TOP OF THIS PAGE TO YOUR CHILD'S HOMEROOM TEACHER WITH THE TICKET FEE BY FRIDAY MAY 11TH PLEASE!****

_____ Yes, I give _____ permission to attend and we have discussed the behavior expectations for WOW included in this packet.

_____ The \$10.00 for the ticket is included. _____ My student already has a season pass.

_____ My student needs a SCHOOL sack lunch. _____ My student will bring a sack lunch from home.

_____ No, I would not like _____ to attend.

****We need contact information in case of emergency the day of the field trip. Please provide the number where we will most likely be able to contact you.****

Parent/Guardian Name and Signature: _____

Contact Number: _____

****RETURN THE BOTTOM OF THIS PAGE TO YOUR CHILD'S HOMEROOM TEACHER BY WEDNESDAY APRIL 25TH TO BE ENTERED INTO THE CHAPERONE DRAWING.****

I, _____, (printed parent name) would like to be in the drawing for a chaperone ticket to Wonders of Wildlife and will be able to pay \$12.00 (no refunds) by Friday, May 11th. I also realize that I will need to drive my own vehicle to Wonders of Wildlife and I will be responsible for helping supervise a group of around 8 or 9 children during the field trip. You will be notified by Friday, April 27th about the drawing. Please list your preferred method of contact.

Phone _____ E-Mail _____