

# Before Your Trip: Adventure Program Policies

- The entrance fee is **\$9 per student**. One (1) adult is required for every ten (10) students and is admitted free of charge. **Additional adults will be charged \$12 each**. Full payment is due on the date of your field study. Cash, checks and credit card for the total amount will be collected upon arrival.
- **Groups may not exceed 30 students** if you plan to visit the Garden Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Friday. If your group is larger than 30, you must schedule additional dates. Any additional students will not be able to participate in the program.
- **Groups may not exceed 60 students** if you plan to visit the Garden Monday and/or Thursday. Additional students will not be able to participate in the program.
- Fairchild requires a ratio of **one adult per ten students** to accompany the group at ALL times. **ALL students must be accompanied by an adult at ALL times**.
- This is an outdoor program! Please wear comfortable clothing which may get dirty, comfortable shoes for walking and hats for the sun. Bring sunscreen and insect repellent if desired.
- If you will be using one of our self-guided backpack modules, pre-registration, as well as a \$50.00 refundable deposit, is required. Backpacks will not be available on the day of your visit if you have not requested in advance.
- Please refer to the Garden map for your designated lunch area. **School/scout groups have to bring and transport their own lunches in coolers and/or boxes**. No refrigeration or vending facilities are available, so please plan accordingly. Please make an effort to reduce packaging as much as possible when bringing bagged lunches or school lunches, so we can all do our part in saving the environment.
- **The Glasshouse Cafe and Lakeside Cafe ARE NOT AVAILABLE for school groups.**
- **TRAM TOURS ARE NOT AVAILABLE for self-guided groups.**
- Please keep a copy of the completed registration form for your records. Please **notify us immediately if any information in the application form changes**.
- All visitors to Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden and participants in Fairchild programs or events consent to the unrestricted use of any photographs or audio/visual recordings in which they appear. **Fairchild must be notified in writing of any exceptions.**
- Cancellations: If you must cancel your visit, please call Marilyn Caputo at (305) 663-8094.
- For more information please visit our website: **[www.fairchildgarden.org/adventure](http://www.fairchildgarden.org/adventure)** or call (305) 663-8094.

# Adventure Program Rules

- Do not pick, eat or trample over any plants. You may walk on the grass, but not in the planted beds.
- All the animals at the Garden are wild. For your own safety, please do not touch, chase or feed animals. Please respect the animals and give them space.
- Do not run, or climb trees or art sculptures.
- Respect other visitors and school groups. Please keep your voices down, so that you and other visitors have a pleasant and peaceful experience. This will also help you hear the sounds of nature and increase your chances of seeing wildlife.
- Please put trash in proper receptacles and use recycling bins when possible.
- **No school groups are allowed at the Gift Shop at the Visitor Center.**
- **The tram is not available for self-guided groups.**
- **The Glasshouse or Lakeside Cafe is not available for self-guided groups.** If you plan to eat at the Garden, you must bring your own lunches with you.
- **A teacher/chaperone should be with the group at all times. No unsupervised students allowed.**
- The last and most important rule is **learn a lot and have fun!**

Our **Wings of the Tropics Exhibit in The Clinton Family Conservatory** is home to hundreds of exotic butterflies in 10,000 square feet of tropical paradise. We ask that you please help us keep our butterflies safe by following these additional important rules:

- Food and drink are not permitted in the conservatory.
- Watch your step! Butterflies sometimes land on the ground.
- Stay on the path.
- Check your clothing and belongings before exiting the conservatory to ensure no butterflies leave with you.

What to expect while you are in the butterfly conservatory:

- Before entering the conservatory, you will be asked to form a single file line outside of the building. A volunteer at the door will give important instructions; please be sure to listen carefully and follow all directions.
- A maximum of 5 people will be allowed to enter and exit the building at a time due to the strict USDA containment rules. Groups will be able to meet up once they have gone through the doors of the conservatory. For this reason, it is very important to follow the **required 1:10 child to adult ratio**.
- There may be several hundred butterflies in the building at any given time, therefore there may be butterflies flying in close proximity. If any student is scared or uncomfortable, please ask the student not to panic; butterflies are not harmful.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this information, and we look forward to your visit to the Wings of the Tropics in the Clinton Family Conservatory!