

Ijams Nature Center Science Discovery Program Chaperone Information

Hello chaperones,

Thank you for volunteering to accompany your favorite student during a **Science Discovery Program**.

- ✓ Remember that you are a role model for your group. Please be attentive, enthusiastic, encouraging, respectful, and positive toward the natural environment. Also keep in mind that your role during the **Science Discovery Program** is to help naturalists maintain a positive learning atmosphere. Naturalists are not responsible for disciplining children that misbehave.
- ✓ Remember to dress appropriately for the weather and hiking conditions. Conditions may be hot, cold, rainy, slippery, dirty, etc.
- ✓ During **Science Discovery Programs**, please reserve cell phone use for emergencies only. Please silence or (more preferably) turn off your cell phone throughout the duration of your program.
- ✓ Live animal presentations are a part of every **Science Discovery Program**. If you are uncomfortable during that portion of the activity, please leave the room quietly without disrupting the group.
- ✓ Please remember that **Science Discovery Programs** are learning opportunities for the students, not just a fun family outing. Please allow your children to participate fully in the program by encouraging them to stay with the group and engage in discussions and investigations.
- ✓ We invite you to Ijams Nature Center with your child to continue outdoor learning as a family. We offer family memberships that will allow your family to attend programs for free or reduced cost. In addition, we offer members-only benefits that make membership to Ijams Nature Center a cost-effective recreational opportunity for the whole family!



The graphic features the Ijams Nature Center logo on the left, which includes the text 'IJAMS NATURE CENTER' and a stylized green bird icon. The background is a light beige color with faint leaf patterns and a photograph of a tree branch with green leaves on the right side. The text is arranged in two columns, with the left column describing membership and the right column listing benefits. A green banner at the bottom contains the website URL.

Become an Ijams Member
Membership offers an affordable way for family and friends to spend time together and connect with nature. When you become an Ijams member, you play a vital role in continuing the Ijams legacy. Your support enables us to maintain our wildlife sanctuary and to provide environmental education programs for more than 50,000 children and adults annually.

Membership Benefits

- Subscription to *EarthWords* newsletter
- Special members-only activities
- Free and discounted family nature programs
- 10% discount in gift shop
- 10% discount at spring and fall plant sales
- 10% discount on facility rentals
- Discounts on nature day camps
- Members-only birthday adventures

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