



MCHA FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

Carefully planned and guided Field Trips enrich our children's academic experience and often provide the impetus for further discovery, exploration, and understanding of new subjects. Field Trips can be arranged for **specific** grades or age groups, as a supplement to curriculum. Many places offer programs designed to complement the regional school board curriculum, and are willing to tailor those programs to suit our needs as homeschoolers, often encompassing students outside of the recommended grade or age.

For example, programs offered through museums such as the Erchless Museum in Oakville, or Dundurn Castle in Hamilton, support various aspects of history curriculum; the Royal Botanical Gardens, The Science Centre or the ROM offer science-based programs; Lego Land, Farm Visits and other seasonal activities are other favorites you could consider.

Registering as a school group means our students can participate in planned activities led by a qualified instructor, with materials provided for interactive and multi-sensory learning. These Field Trips have the benefits of enabling students and their parents to visit these places during the school day and at a reduced admission rate, or modest charge for the educational program. The instructors are often passionate about their area of expertise, which we hope will inspire our students to want to learn more.

These smaller, more grade-specific Field Trips can usually be planned by **one** parent volunteer. Another contribution a family can choose is to be the host for a God Squad party or get together.

Sometimes, our member families work together and select Field Trips that will interest the group at large. These larger Field Trips require **one** parent volunteer to oversee arrangements, and **two** parents to help with gathering names of participants, collecting funds, supervising students and coordinating things on the day of the event.

Only serve team members and Tuesday program H2O/GS elective/gym main teachers are exempted from the Field Trip contribution. All Tuesday program volunteers/assistants and General members are still required to make a field trip contribution. This is NOT the same as the weekly volunteering in the Tuesday program which is a COOP. If you are not on the serve team or the primary teacher of an elective in H2O/God Squad, then you will need to do a field trip.

Previous field trips examples:

- Science Center, Tobaganning, Apple farm, different history & art museums, play & orchestra performances, different water park/theme park/play gym, food bank volunteer/cooking class, skiing, TV/radio station visit, mom's night out, dad's social, family camping, zoo/safari, art jam, laser quest, bowling, skating, sport event, fair, maple syrup festival, conservatory program.. etc.

