



## Trip Preparation Checklist

- ☐ **Looking for links?** Everything in your packet is also online:  
[kdtresources.org/fifth-grade-lab-of-ornithology](http://kdtresources.org/fifth-grade-lab-of-ornithology)
- ☐ We highly recommend doing the [pre-visit lessons](#) with your class:
  - ☐ Pre-Visit Lesson #1 uses our ["Exploring Biodiversity" Slide Show](#) .
  - ☐ Pre-Visit Lesson #2 has students analyze and compare [Habitat Graphs](#) .
  - ☐ Pre-Visit Lesson #3 requires the book provided to all 5th graders by KDT:  
*Peterson First Guide to Birds of North America*.
- ☐ Schedule your own bus transportation to and from the Lab.
- ☐ Recruit chaperones. Please have at least 2 adults per class; 4 for a 2-class trip.
  - ☐ Please share the [Tips for Chaperones](#).
- ☐ **Bring supplies** for each student:
  - ☐ Student Journals
  - ☐ Pencils
  - ☐ Nametags (Please do use name tags, it helps a lot!)
- ☐ **Have students bring:**
  - ☐ Lunches
  - ☐ Water
  - ☐ Walking shoes
  - ☐ Clothing appropriate for the weather, including warm jackets or raincoats  
(We will go out on the trails **even if it is cold and/or raining!**)
- Items you **do NOT need** to bring - we will provide these where needed:
  - ◆ Clipboards
  - ◆ Field guide books (these tend to get dropped in the swamp... use ours!)
- ☐ Be ready to gather your students into **four groups** as soon as you get off the bus. These groups are: 1. Great Blue Herons, 2. Wood Thrushes, 3. Baltimore Orioles, 4. Red-winged Blackbirds
- ☐ **If your bus is running late**, please call our Front Desk (607) 254-2473 and let us know!



## Day-of-Trip Itinerary

**9:30 – 9:35 am: Arrive and get organized (front portico)**

Gather on the front portico and identify your four groups. Meet the Lab staff and volunteers.

**9:35 – 9:50 am: Introduction (front portico)**

A brief review to connect pre-visit activities and what we will do today. Hand out supplies.

**9:50 – 9:55 am: Bathroom break**

Then meet your group in the designated spot.

**9:55 – 11:15 am: Hike & Biodiversity Survey (Wilson Trail in Sapsucker Woods)**

A 3/4 mile easy trail walk. Visit four habitats, and conduct a biodiversity survey in one habitat.

Each group will have one Lab leader and at least one teacher or chaperone.

Activities are found in the Student Journals (pages 5-8).

**11:15 – 11:35 am: Lunch (front portico)**

Tables and chairs are provided; please bring your own food.

**11:35 – 12:25 pm: Activity station rotation (2 locations outside of building, 2 inside of the building)**

15 minutes each. Activities are in the Student Journals.

Stations: birdwatching at feeders inside the Visitor Center, Bird Discovery Lab inside the Visitor Center, Raven sound analysis lab (front portico), and birding by ear with sound ID tools (trail near front portico).

**12:25 — 12:30 Wrap up and get on busses**

## Cancellations / Rescheduling

If you need to cancel an in-person field trip, please contact us as soon as possible! We have a limited number of “rain dates” to choose from; rescheduling will depend on availability.

## Contact Information

**Last-minute issues:**

**Front Desk: (607) 254-2473**

**Sarah's cell: (202) 480-3624**

**Questions ahead of time:**

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