

# New Field Trip Policy Changes (2023 – 2024)

## General Field Trip Changes

- The minimum non-refundable processing fee is \$30.
- A 40-student minimum is required to qualify for Explorer Plus field trip rates. If your group has fewer than 40 students, you can still receive the discount by paying for a total of 40 students.
- Due to capacity limits and to provide optimal experiences for all guests and field trip groups, field trip scheduling will be **significantly limited** beginning September 2023.
- Field trips may only be scheduled to arrive between 9:00am – 2:00pm.
- **SCHOOLS WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED TO EAT LUNCHESES WITHIN ANY OF THE VENUES.** Outside spaces are still available. There will be no exceptions due to weather, so please plan accordingly.
- Explorer Field Trips for grade 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> will need to have a purpose while inside the venues. Schools without an engaging assignment will be asked to leave the venue. Examples include:
  - Photography Assignments
  - Lesson Plans
  - Scavenger Hunts

## Scholarship Changes

- Thanks to generous donors and funds received from the Utah State Office of Educators Informal Science Education Enhancement (iSEE), Thanksgiving Point can extend scholarships to public schools to visit one Thanksgiving Point Venue (once per school year, per grade) while scholarship funding is available.
- **Title One Schools** (and schools that qualify for Title One) may request scholarship funding beginning **July 1<sup>st</sup>**.
- **All other public and charter schools** may request scholarship funding beginning **September 15<sup>th</sup>**.
- Scholarship requests will not be accepted before these dates.