Jackson County Conservation  
Hurstville Interpretive Center  
Field Trip Checklist and Reminders

It is important to show respect and limit our impact on environments around us. In order to do this and use our areas efficiently, please be aware of the following guidelines.

1. Students should be divided into the correct number of groups prior to your arrival. We ask that there is a teacher or leader per group and the adult will be encouraged to participate in all activities.

2. We recommend students wear nametags.

3. Students should dress appropriately. We will be outside and guarantee dirt or grass stains! Remember sunscreen, a rain jacket, hat, or insect repellent. Not required, but recommended!

4. We will continue with activities even in cold and rainy conditions. The decision to cancel a field trip is the responsibility of the school, however, be advised that an alternate date may not be available.

5. Please be considerate of other groups using the park. Students are not allowed on the upper level of the Visitor Center unless touring the exhibits as part of the day’s activities and should be supervised at all times.

6. We encourage packing a smart lunch to reduce the amount of garbage. We are holding a contest this year to see which school produces the least amount of garbage per person during our field trips. Prizes will be awarded twice a year. Help us out with this project by sending letters home to parents about the Hurstville Interpretive Center Smart Lunch Contest.

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Dear Parents,

Your student will be going on a field trip to the Hurstville Interpretive Center in Maquoketa, Iowa. There is a program at the center to see which school has the least amount of garbage per person. The following are suggestions for packing a lunch for the field trip.

How to Pack a Hurstville Smart Lunch:
- Pack a lunch instead of a Lunchable™ with lots of packaging!
- Use a plastic lunch box or cloth bag.
- Use a plastic bottle or thermos for juice or water
- Use a sandwich keeper or reuse a Ziploc™ bag
- Use a plastic container for chips or carrots
- Use fruits that have a natural packaging such as an apple or orange
- Use a cloth napkin or washcloth instead of a paper napkin
- Use silverware instead of disposable plastic ware
All field trips this year will be participating in the Hurstville Smart Lunch Activity

What is it?
We are encouraging all schools/groups visiting Hurstville Interpretive Center to pack lunches that reduce the amount of garbage put into garbage cans.

How do you know who packed a smart lunch?

At lunch, each school will be given a garbage bag to put their garbage into. After lunch, the garbage will be weighed and then the weight will be divided by the number of students in the group. This will tell us how much garbage each person brought with them!

The school or group with the least amount of garbage will receive an award! Awards will be given out twice a year.

The final winner will be announced at the end of May for spring FT and the end of October for fall FT!

Date: ____________
School: ________________
Student’s weight: __________
Student’s weight
plus garbage: __________
Garbage weight: __________
Garbage per student:

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