

CHAPERONE INFORMATION

Thank you for volunteering to assist your group's visit to the Aldo Leopold Nature Center! Your role as chaperone is an important responsibility and is essential to creating a positive experience for all.

WHAT TO EXPECT?

The Aldo Leopold Nature Center in Monona is an accessible building. A paved path connects the bus parking lot to the building. Many of the unpaved trails are either gravel or grass and are on level ground and shouldn't be a problem for most wheelchairs/strollers with more rugged wheels. ALNC's programs take place rain, snow, or shine, and approximately 2/3 of the program is outside, so please dress appropriately. If you have students that do not have proper clothing, please let us know as ALNC has a limited supply of outdoor gear available for loan.

PLEASE DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS WITH THE TEACHER OR LEADER AS YOU PLAN FOR THE FIELD TRIP:

- What is the date and time of departure for the field trip?
- Are driving directions and parking information available?
- How many students will be in your group? Do any of them have special needs that you need to be aware of?
- Should I pack lunch?
- What are the behavior expectations during the field trip? What should be done if they are not being followed?

HELPFUL TIPS FOR GROUP MANAGEMENT

- When you arrive at ALNC, meet at the bus parking lot to help assemble students into groups as directed by the lead teacher. Each group will be led by an ALNC Environmental Educator who will set guidelines to follow.
- Stay with your assigned students at all times. Make sure that they know they are not to leave you.
- Model respectful behavior. Avoid becoming engaged in distracting side discussions with other chaperones.
- Give the students every opportunity to answer questions and engage with the program materials independently.
- Encourage respect for nature and foster observational skills.

OTHER INFO TO KNOW

- ALNC has a first aid kit at the front desk in the lobby.
- ALNC facilities and grounds are smoke free. Refrain from smoking or chewing tobacco during the trip.
- Restrooms are located inside the nature center building. If a student needs to use the restroom while outside, please check with the ALNC Educators in case there is a planned stop in the next few minutes.
- **Siblings** are allowed at the discretion of your school and teacher. If our instructors feel that younger children are affecting the quality of the program for the other participants, you may be asked to step away from the group.
- Silence your cell phone as a courtesy to others and to keep distractions to a minimum. If you must take a call or look at your phone, please step away from the group briefly.
- Help students find garbage bags and trash cans, especially if your group is eating lunch outside.

Thank you for helping to make this a great experience for your students!

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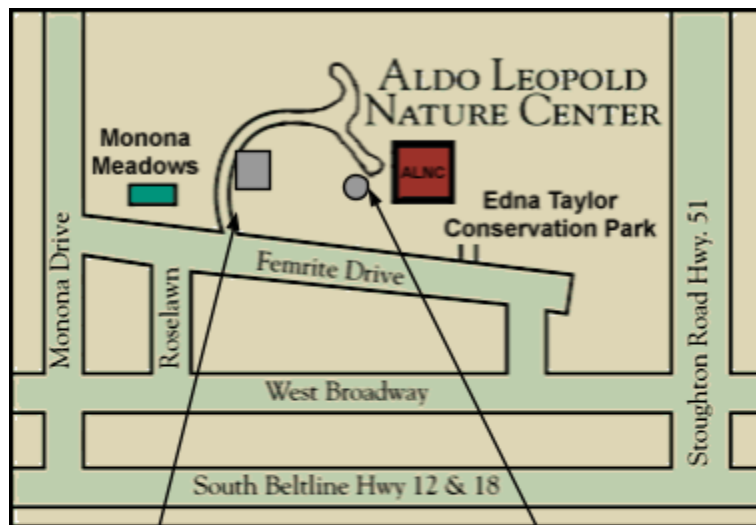
ALDO LEOPOLD NATURE CENTER

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DIRECTIONS TO THE NATURE CENTER

Address: 330 Femrite Drive, Monona, WI 53716

Directions: Take the Beltline (Hwy 12-18) to Monona Drive. Exit at Monona Drive and continue through the Monona Drive/Broadway Street intersection. Turn East (right) onto Femrite Drive and pull into the driveway on the North (left) side of the street. There is a parking lot available on the west side of the street across from the bus lot, and additional parking at the front of the building.



Bus and Chaperone parking
and Student Drop-off



Handicap Bus Drop-off ONLY

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