

On-site Debriefing Activity

In an effort to increase the quality of your students' field trip experience, we are adding an optional debriefing activity at the end of the field trip.

We will have a large sign on site that will have the headings on the table below written on it. We ask that a classroom teacher assist the Arboretum staff member with this discussion. Arboretum staff will record answers on paper and you will be able to bring the answers back to school.

This activity can take anywhere from 10-30 minutes, depending on the age of your students and how much time is available. We feel it will help your students connect their learning at the Arboretum to their learning in your classroom.

Thank you for your help with our continued efforts to provide a high quality experience for your students!

What did we LEARN	What do we still WONDER about?	What comes NEXT?
<p>After the Arboretum staff's closing remarks, which will include reminders of what activities the students did and the things they observed, we will help the students recall what they learned.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Think-Pair-Share • Group brainstorm • Every student shares one idea 	<p>Next we will encourage the students to think of things they still wonder about that are connected to what they learned about during their field trip. Also we will discuss how they can find out the answers to their questions.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name of a new plant or animal they saw • Why the trees are changing color • How the insects they saw survive the winter 	<p>In an effort to connect their learning outside to their learning inside, the teacher will describe how they will use things they learned at the Arboretum in their classroom.</p> <p>Examples:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A project about the animals they saw • A book they will read that relates to the subject studied • An activity they did at the Arboretum that they will do again at school