# Sioux Falls Family Child Care News

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# Field Trip Safety

A well-planned and organized field trip provides a safe and great learning opportunity for children. It is a learning opportunity for children to see and explore new things. In order to minimize stress and safety concerns, consider the following suggestions.

#### **Field Trip Destination**

There are several things to consider when choosing a field trip destination. It is important to make sure that it is age and developmentally appropriate for the children in your care. Research the available activities offered and determine what is a fit for the children in your care. For best practice, go and explore the field trip in advance to familiarize yourself with the location.

- Identify all the exits and emergency exits
- · Locate all the bathrooms and water fountains
- Designate a safe place for the children to go to in case of an emergency
- · Detect any potential hazards

#### Transportation

Every child in your care must have the proper child safety restraint. It is best if parents provide the car seat and ensure it is adjusted to their child's needs. Here are some of the basic guidelines to ensure the safety of child during transportation.

- Selection: Choose the right car seat for the child based on the child's age, weight, and height. Read all the labels on the side of the car seat.
- Direction: Rear-facing car seats are safer than forward facing car seats.
- Location: Read the car seat owner's manual (usually available online) as well as your vehicle's manual to figure the safest location for car seats.

- Harnesses: Make sure the harness slots are correct. For rear facing, the harnesses must be at or below the child's shoulders. For forward facing, the harnesses must be at or above the child's shoulders.
- Join Us for Child Passenger Safety on Monday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m.
- Installation: Follow and refer to the car seat owner's manual to ensure the proper installation. The car seat should not move more than an inch side to side by the belt path.

### Important Health and Safety Item Checklist

Check to make sure you packed the following supplies:

- Attendance sheet
- Individual child's information
- Charged cell phone
- Emergency contacts
- Bottled water
- Sunscreen and/or insect repellent
- First Aid Kit
- Emergency medication and health care plan for any child with special health care needs

#### **Staying Together**

To ensure the safety of the children, staying together and supervision is key.

- If you have a helper, divide the children into small groups
- Dress the children in the same color or have a special tag for easy identification
- Conduct face to name roll call every time you change locations



# A Word from the Health Department

Renewals are coming up, so please get your continuing education completed.

# Field Trip Snack Ideas

Here is a list of simple, healthy snack ideas for field trips:

- Pretzels
- Whole grain cereal
- Crackers
- Fruits: apples, bananas, or dried fruits
- Vegetables: celery, carrots, cucumbers
- Refillable water bottles
- Granola bars
- Rice cakes
- Jerky

# **Field Trip Fun**

## Children's Book About Field Trips



Miss Bindergarten Takes a Field Trip with Kindergarten by Joseph Slate

# Field Trips in Sioux Falls

Here is a list of some field trip locations available in Sioux Falls:

- Sertoma Butterfly House & Marine Cove
- The Outdoor Campus
- Great Plains Zoo
- Old Courthouse Museum
- Kirby Science Discovery Center
- Sculpture Walk
- Falls Park
- USS South Dakota Battleship Memorial

### **CPR Class Policy**

CPR classes sponsored by the City of Sioux Falls Health Department through Sanford CHILD Services are provided free of charge to Sioux Falls City registered family day care providers and their helpers. Registration for CPR classes is limited to 9 people per class. To help ensure CPR education is available throughout the year to Sioux Falls City registered family day care providers, the following policy exists:

- 1. Class registration is limited to Sioux Falls city registered family day care providers and their helpers.
- 2. Sioux Falls City registered family day care providers, and their helpers, receive one free CPR class per year.

# Field Trip Suggestions

The following products may help ensure security. These are not a substitute for face to name roll count.

• Walking Rope

A simple way to keep children walking together during your field trip exploration.



• Tour Guide Flag A flag can help children see where you are easier.

### **CPR Cancellation Policy**

- Cancellation of CPR class registration needs to be made 24 hours prior to the start of the CPR class. By doing so, allows others to enroll in the CPR class.
- 2. If notice of cancellation is not received 24 hours prior to the CPR class, the registrant will have used up his/her free CPR class for the year. A payment of \$20 will be needed to enroll in another City of Sioux Falls Health Department sponsored CPR class.

# Mark Your Calendars! CPR Opportunities

CPR classes held at CHILD Services. Verify CPR class location when registering.

#### Class Dates:

Monday, April 15 • 6:30 – 10 p.m. Saturday, June 8 • 8:30 a.m. – Noon Tuesday, June 18 • 6:30 – 10 p.m.

# Learning Opportunities

#### Verify classroom when registering.

**Class** Title Date/Time Location Category Certified First Aid Learn to handle child illness and injuries in the first few Thursday, April 4 minutes until professional help arrives. A Heartsaver Pediatric Sioux Falls Safety and Health 6:30 – 9 p.m. First Aid Course completion card will be given to students upon successful completion of the course. Course renewal is every 2 years. **Child Passenger Safety** Monday, April 8 Learn proper use and installation practices for child passenger : Sioux Falls : Safety and Health 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. safety seats. Balancing the Needs of My Child Thursday, April 18 Having your own children in your daycare can be a challenge. Family Life and Online Communications 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Learn some ideas and strategies to balance the needs of your own child(ren) within your daycare. Supporting The Abused Child Thursday, May 2 Child Abuse Your childcare program can be a refuge for children who are Sioux Falls 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. and Neglect being abused or neglected. Learn effective techniques for supporting these children. Germs—They're Everywhere! Monday, May 6 Germs are lurking everywhere, just waiting to make you and Sioux Falls Sanitation & Health 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. your kids sick. Fight back with good general hygiene habits. Take Time to Breathe Monday, May 20 Learn ways to relieve your stress in the midst of your chaotic Sioux Falls : Stress Management 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. day. Minimizing The Risk of Shaken Baby Syndrome Thursday, May 30 Proactively minimize the risk of Shaken Baby Syndrome in Child Abuse and Sioux Falls 7 – 8 p.m. Neglect your childcare program by recognizing and managing stressful situations. Minimizing The Risk of Shaken Baby Syndrome Monday, June 10 Child Abuse and Proactively minimize the risk of Shaken Baby Syndrome in Sioux Falls 7 – 8 p.m. your childcare program by recognizing and managing stressful Neglect situations. Thinking Outside the Box Thursday, June 27 Tired of the same old toys, learn how to use materials in new Sioux Falls : Developmental Play 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. wavs.

Class size may be limited, so registration is required. For more information on the classes, class location or to register; call CHILD Services at (605) 312-8390.

**Cancellation** Please remember, if you register for a class and are unable to attend, it is a courtesy to

call and cancel your

registration



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## **CHILD Services Office and Class Locations**



Go in the main entrance of the Sanford School of Medicine Health Science Center (1400 W. 22nd). Instead of going straight ahead into the Wegner Library, turn left and go through the double doors. Signs will be posted to guide you.





