



Kiewit Luminarium Field Trip FAQ

Thank you for choosing Kiewit Luminarium! We look forward to welcoming your students for a hands-on STEAM experience with more than 125 open-ended exhibits designed to inspire curiosity, exploration, and discovery.

What is the field trip rate, and who is eligible?

Field trips are available for **Grades 2–12**.

Participant	Cost
Students (Grades 2-12)	\$10/each
Teachers & Chaperones	1 free adult ticket for every 10 students
Additional Chaperones	\$10/each

Payment

- One payment is required for the entire group (individual payments are not accepted). Cash, check, and credit cards are accepted.
- Public and private schools may choose to be invoiced after their visit.
- Memberships, coupons, and library passes cannot be applied to field trips.

Discounts & Tax Exemption

- Schools with a majority of students eligible for the Federal Free & Reduced Lunch Program may qualify for reduced admission. Visit our [financial assistance page](#) for more information.
- Nebraska school districts requesting tax exemption must provide a current Nebraska Form 13 if they have not visited within the past year.

What does a field trip include?

Each Field Trip Includes:

- Welcome and orientation in the Field Room
- Space to store coats, lunches, and other belongings during your visit
- Self-guided exploration led by teachers and chaperones
- Access to all public exhibits



Optional Additions to your Trip:

- **A reserved indoor lunch space** for 25 minutes where your group may enjoy sack lunches that you bring.
- **A 30 minute, Luminator-led, introduction to the museum.** During this time, Luminators will take small groups (around 8-12 students each) and facilitate different exhibits on the floor related to your field trip goal.
- Grade-level standards, suggested activities, and additional resources are available at kiewitluminarium.org/field-trips

What is the typical schedule?

Arrival times are **9:30, 10:20, or 11:00 a.m.** Your schedule for the day is determined by your arrival time:

Schedule	Arrival Time		
	9:30	10:20	11:00
Whole Group Welcome led by Luminators in the Field Room	9:30-9:35	10:20-10:25	11:00-11:05
[Optional] 30 minute, small-group, facilitated exhibit experience led by Luminators*	Until 10:15	Until 11:00	Until 11:30
Chaperone supervised exploration of the museum	10:15 on	11:00 on	11:30 on
[Optional] Indoor Lunch (in Field Room)**	11:30-11:55	12:00-12:25	12:30-12:55

*A school-designated chaperone is required to remain with each small group at all times.

** Lunch times are estimated and may vary; your exact indoor lunch time will be emailed to you, alongside other reminders, one week prior to your visit. Weather permitting, you may choose to eat outside at the nearby Riverfront park at any time.

How should we prepare before our visit?

Before arriving:

- Read this FAQ and share expectations with all chaperones.
- Assign students to chaperones in advance (recommended ratio: **1 adult per 10 students**).
- Prepare one final group payment or choose invoicing.



- Send us your completed Nebraska Form 13 if requesting tax exemption.

What if we're running late?

Please notify us as soon as possible by calling **402-502-3366** or emailing **fieldtrips@kiewitluminarium.org** so we can adjust staffing if possible.

What happens when we arrive?

Upon arrival:

- Staff will greet your buses.
- Your group will gather for orientation in the Field Room.
- Coats, lunches, and personal belongings may be stored in cubbies.
- The group leader will:
 - Provide the final attendance count.
 - Complete payment if not being invoiced.

What is expected of teachers and chaperones?

Teachers and chaperones are responsible for directly supervising students throughout the visit.

To support student learning, chaperones can:

- Encourage students to spend more time exploring fewer exhibits.
- Let students interact before reading exhibit labels.
- Ask open-ended questions, such as:
 - What do you notice?
 - What happens if...?
 - What surprises you?
 - How could you change this?

You do not need to be a science expert. Curiosity is the best guide!

Are worksheets or classroom resources available?

Yes. Optional resources can be found on our field trips page. These activities include:

- Slow Scavenger Hunt
- Constructing Explanations
- Connecting Concepts



These materials are designed to deepen exploration rather than direct students quickly through exhibits.

What are the lunch accommodations?

Groups may:

- Use their reserved indoor lunch space for 25 minutes (see table on page 2 for typical lunch times).

OR

- Eat outdoors in nearby RiverFront parks (weather permitting).

Please bring sack lunches. Refrigeration and microwaves are not available.

Fig Café seating, both indoors and outdoors, is reserved for restaurant guests.

Can students visit the gift shop?

Yes. Students may shop with an adult present. Please ensure there are no more than five students in the store at one time.

What behavior expectations should we reinforce?

Students should:

- Respect exhibits, staff, and other guests.
- Stay with their assigned chaperone.
- Follow school expectations throughout the visit.

Our **Geometry Playground** requires:

- One supervising adult per 10 students
- Visits limited to approximately 10 minutes
- Shoes worn at all times

Capacity limits may apply to certain areas throughout the museum.

What accessibility accommodations are available?

Kiewit Luminarium is committed to providing an accessible experience.



Available accommodations include:

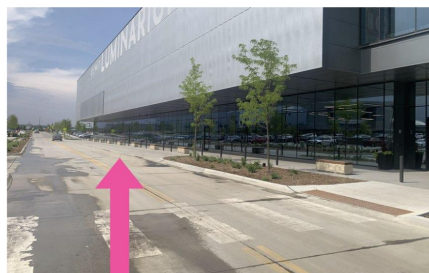
- Wheelchair-accessible exhibits (approximately 70%)
- Elevators
- Sensory kits
- Sensory maps
- Social narratives and visual supports

See our [accessibility page](#) for resources and additional information. Please let us know in advance if your group needs additional accommodations.

What should bus drivers know?

Please share arrival instructions with your drivers before your visit:

- Use the designated drop-off lane on Riverfront Drive whenever possible (image below).
- Standard buses will receive reserved off-site parking if needed.
- Vans, minibuses, and cars may park free in the west parking lot.
- Accessible parking is available on the west side of the building.



Bus drop off cut out



At main entrance facing north

What if we lose something during our trip?

Please check with the Welcome Desk before leaving.

After your visit, contact us at 402-502-3366 or email fieldtrips@kiewitluminarium.org to check on the status of a lost item.

What is your cancellation policy?



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Groups that cancel with fewer than **three weeks' notice** or do not arrive without notice will be charged a **\$75 cancellation fee**.

What happens if there is severe weather?

If hazardous weather causes the Luminarium or your school to close, our team will contact you to discuss rescheduling options.

How can we provide feedback?

The reservation contact will receive a short electronic survey after their visit. Feedback is used to help us improve the field trip experience.