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Dear Chaperones:

Thank you for your interest in being a chaperone for the **Leave No Trace** Field Trip. Your help is extremely valuable in making this field trip a positive educational experience for all of the involved students.

Leave No Trace (LNT) is a national program designed to teach people minimum impact recreational skills for outdoor trips and helps to conserve our public lands for all to enjoy. This program is sponsored by the National Forest Service, National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management.

The **Leave No Trace** philosophy centers around 7 key principles:

1. Plan Ahead and Prepare
2. Travel and Camp On Durable Surfaces
3. Dispose of Waste Properly
4. Leave What You Find
5. Minimize Campfire Impacts
6. Respect Wildlife
7. Be Considerate of Other Visitors

We need your help! Listed below are important ways you can help make this field trip a successful learning experience for the students.

- ✓ Be open to new ideas and techniques. LNT techniques may be new to you. Though you may not presently use all of these practices in your own family outdoor experiences, Leave No Trace offers an important knowledge and skill base for the students.
- ✓ Please participate fully in the activities taught by refuge staff at the Outdoor Education Center and on refuge hiking trails. Your interest and engaged participation are important role models for children. Offer to assist in a training session during the trip (i.e. how to use backpacking stoves, making a cathole or grey water sump, etc.)
- ✓ No firearms or weapons are allowed on the field trip. "No firearms" is a school district policy. The class is a large group and by learning and actively practicing LNT outdoor skills, the chance for a bear encounter is minimal.
- ✓ No alcohol, tobacco products or non-prescription drugs allowed on the field trip.
- ✓ Dogs are not allowed on the field trip.

Thank you for your participation as a role model and chaperon for this field trip. Not only will your child and the entire class benefit, but you also are making an important contribution in conserving your nation's public lands.

☺ Kenai National Wildlife Staff