University of Virginia's Historic
BLANDY EXPERIMENTAL FARM
The State Arboretum of Virginia
*The Commonwealth's Public Garden*

## Field Investigation Guidelines & Etiquette

- Programs are held rain or shine. In the event of severe inclement weather, we will reach out to discuss rescheduling options.
- Students should expect to be outside and dress accordingly. We recommend comfortable walking shoes, layers, hats, water, & sunscreen.
- Please direct your bus driver to unload, load, & park in the designated bus parking area, **not** in the main parking lot.
- We request one chaperone for every 5-6 students.
- If you plan to be at the Arboretum for a period of time beyond the scheduled program, you will be responsible for your own self-guided activities.
- You are welcome to enjoy lunch in our Picnic Grove. Please dispose of trash and recycling (plastic, glass, & cans) in the designated bins & limit the use of single-use plastics. Help us respect and care for our shared natural spaces by leaving the area better than you found it. Groups leaving trash or debris will be charged $50 to cover our staff time in cleaning up.
- Safety:
    - Please instruct your students to be respectful in the outdoor museum they are visiting.
    - Stay on paths & walkways, and stay out of plant beds.
    - Instruct your students to stay with their group.
    - Do not climb the rock walls or trees. They can break, damaging our facilities and injuring children.
    - Leave all flowers and plant materials (including leaves, seeds, pine cones, acorns, & grass). These are food & habitats!
    - Do not disturb, harass or chase wildlife.
    - Watch out for holes, uneven surfaces, slippery rocks, & potential hazards when walking on the grounds.
    - Keep quiet in and around the Quarters building and the Peetwood Pavilion. The staff working in their offices will thank you!

We look forward to having you at Blandy Experimental Farm/The State Arboretum of Virginia!