

What others have said about their field trip experience:

“Thank you for a great trip that matches our curriculum perfectly.”

Juanita Harrill, Kindergarten Teacher in Appleton

“We enjoyed our day. It was a great experience! We plan to continue this field trip each year.”

Cathy Johnson, 4th Grade Teacher in Neenah

“Everything was wonderful and we plan to make this a yearly field trip. This was a multi layered way to integrate Visual Arts, Science, Math, Business and Economics. If you imagine the various disciplines were mixed together like our pulp and laid out to view, they would be as beautiful and seamless as our unique handmade paper. The staff helped to facilitate a very engaging learning experience for all students.”

Alice Tzakais, 5th Grade Teacher in Fond du Lac

“The fit with curriculum was very good. They did a great job of using metaphors to explain sophisticated chemical processes. I like the sense of environmental responsibility the tour suggested.”

Hilarie Rath, 5th-6th Grade Teacher in Green Bay

Reserving Your Spot

Rates and Chaperones

All members of the group must arrive together and pay with a single payment. Field trip rates are \$3.00 per student. Chaperones are admitted free with a required ratio of 1:4 for preK through grade 3, 1:6 for grades 4 through 8, and 1:10 beyond 8th grade. Chaperones are expected to assist Paper Discovery Center staff during the field trip. Visiting students must arrive with nametags. There is a \$5.00 service charge for groups arriving without nametags.

Reservations

Advance registration is required. Call 920-380-7491 early to reserve your date and time. Field trips last two hours. They can start as early as 9 am or start as late as 2 pm. Two field trips can be hosted per day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. The maximum number of students per field trip is 50, but exceptions may be allowed. Need a place to brown-bag? Let’s talk about it.

Additional details about the Paper Discovery Center can be found on our website or by calling the number below.

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Student Field Trip Information



Celebrating All Things Paper - the Wonder and the Legacy

Field trip activities are targeted to fit with the age and grade levels of the visiting students.

Our Paper Discovery Center has served more than 5000 students during field trip visits since opening its doors three years ago.

Class visits typically start with a welcome and an introductory video about the importance of paper in our lives.

Smaller groups are formed for three concurrent and rotating activities lasting approximately thirty minutes each.

Most groups of all ages choose Papermaking as one of the three activity components. The Paper Discovery staff can recommend age appropriate activities for the second and third components. Frequently, some of these activities are combined or blended so that the students experience more than three of these subject activities during a visit. For example, Under the Microscope is usually combined with another activity.

While the various listed activities show a range of grade levels, each activity is presented in a way that is intended to be age appropriate for the visiting participants.

Field Trip Activities:

Papermaking Grades K-12

Students experience papermaking first-hand in the Purdy-Weissenborn Paper Lab. They will be able to apply the methods of papermaking in the mills to their own small-scale production.

Under the Microscope Grades K-12

Close looks at various paper products will lead to a discussion of papermaking fibers as students discover what they are seeing, thru a large screen video microscope.

Understanding the Strength of Water and Paper Grades 3-12

Learn about the strength of water and paper, what actually holds water and paper together, and why. This includes interactive activities with water surface tension and paper strength testing.

Tree to Tissue Grades 4-12

This guided tour explores the transformation of wood from trees into tissue paper. This includes raw materials for making paper, forestry and harvesting, pulping, bleaching, and papermaking.

Building a Watershed Grades 5-12

Students build a watershed and observe the importance of environmentally safe practices — This is an alternative to **Papermaking**.

Outdoor Learning Center Grades 4-12

This guided tour familiarizes the students with numerous trees used in papermaking. It also includes tree identification techniques — all of this on the shores of the Fox River. (seasonal and weather dependent — select backup activity).

Paper Recycling Grades 2-12

This activity builds understanding for what happens to curbside paper, identifies other sources for recovered papers, and explores various types of paper products.

Health and Hygiene Grades K-12

Learn the close connection between various paper products and improved health and hygiene in our society via the Health and Hygiene exhibit. Understanding the relationship between germs and illness helped to pave the way for modern paper products that make our lives healthier.

Historical Aspects of Papermaking in the Fox River Valley Grades 4-12

Learn about the importance of the Fox River for making paper, about changes in making paper over the past 150 years, and about the social developments that impacted papermaking and paper products.

Leaf-Tree Beanbag Toss Grades K-2

This activity combines a game with learning about the natural resources used for making paper. This includes a leaf toss activity where students can demonstrate their tree knowledge.

Child's View of Papermaking Grades K-6

This colorful and interactive exhibit helps young visitors discover how paper is made. Many topics are covered. The two-story exhibit includes a large papermachine made for kids and adults to play on and learn.

Marvelous Mattie Grades K-?

The story of Margaret Knight is told with a backdrop of illustrations from this book. An inventor at an early age, Margaret invented a machine to make flat-bottomed paper bags. The story may motivate youngsters to explore their own creativity.

Start your visit as early as 9 am or as late as 2 pm