# **PREPARING FOR YOUR VISIT**

### **Chaperones**

We are happy to have chaperones join in the learning and the fun of your program. As we know the value of chaperones to the overall educational experience, we encourage their participation in accompanying your group at no additional charge. We recommend one chaperone for every 8-12 students.

### Lunch/Snack

Please notify us at the time of registration if you know that you are planning to stay on property for lunch or snack so we can better accommodate your group and assist you in making the most of your time here with us. If you require an indoor space for lunch/snack, please reserve this space in advance at the time of registration as access to indoor space is limited. The New Canaan Nature Center is a peanut/tree nut aware campus.

## **Inclement Weather**

If you choose to cancel your visit because of undesirable weather conditions, please call **(203) 966-9577 x1020** as soon as possible to notify us of your change in plans. If you get a voicemail, please leave the best contact phone number so we can follow up. If we have already received a deposit or full payment, we will be happy to work with you to reschedule your program as our calendar allows. Refunds are issued only if the Nature Center or your school/group's location is closed or has a delayed opening because of inclement weather.

#### **During your Visit**

Your program isn't the only exciting and educational part of your visit to the New Canaan Nature Center. Make sure to schedule extra time during your visit because there are so many exciting and engaging things to discover. Your group will want plenty of time to explore our outdoor and indoor wildlife exhibits, trails, ponds, and more. Below is a sampling of the extras we have to offer your group while you visit with us.

- Experience life around Kiwanis or Marsh Ponds
- Trek nearly two miles of trails
- Spy live animals in our Discovery Room
- Observe raptors such as owls and hawks at our outdoor Birds of Prey Exhibit
- Get active while adventuring through our Children's Play Garden
- Climb one of our Observation Towers to spy birds and other wildlife
- Relax and play on the beautiful grass of the Green









