

## Membership Policy for Field Trip Friends Inc.

### **\*\*Purpose\*\***

This membership policy outlines the terms and conditions for becoming a member of Field Trip Friends Inc., a nonprofit organization in Florida dedicated to organizing educational field trips for homeschool families. Membership fees and benefits are designed to support the organization's mission of providing enriching educational experiences for homeschooled families.

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### **\*\*Membership Eligibility\*\***

Membership is open to homeschooling families in Florida who support the mission and values of Field Trip Friends. Membership is required to participate in field trips and events organized by the nonprofit.

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### **\*\*Membership Categories and Fees\*\***

#### 1. **\*\*Individual Membership\*\***: \$75/ year

- Includes benefits for one homeschooling family (parents/grandparents/guardians and their children).

Membership fees are non-refundable and cover a 12-month period starting on the date of payment.

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### **\*\*Membership Benefits\*\***

Members of Field Trip Friends Inc enjoy the following benefits:

- Access to exclusive educational field trips organized throughout the year.
- Discounts on field trip registration fees (when applicable).
- Member portal on [www.floridafft.com](http://www.floridafft.com) to research, book and track field trips as well as an online community forum to share homeschooling tips and resources.
- Special behind-the-scenes tours or hands-on activities available only to your group.
- Curated educational resources, such as printable worksheets, lesson plans, or activity guides tailored to field trip destinations (when applicable).
- Simplified event registration and reminders for upcoming activities.
- Seasonal parties, picnics, or holiday celebrations for families to bond
- Opportunities for families to volunteer and give back to the community through group initiatives.
- Members have the opportunity to volunteer at our fundraising events, gaining valuable hands-on experience, while also developing their public speaking skills through engaging interactions with the community.
- Personalized planning for unique interests within the group (e.g., STEM-focused trips, arts and culture days, nature excursions).

- Surveys to involve members in decision-making about future trips or activities.
- Rewards programs for members who refer new families to the group.

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#### **\*\*Membership Responsibilities\*\***

By joining, members agree to:

- Support the mission and goals of the nonprofit.
  - Follow all policies and guidelines established for field trips and events.
  - Treat other members, volunteers, and partners with respect.
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#### **\*\*Application Process\*\***

1. Complete the membership application available on the nonprofit's website
2. Membership applications are reviewed and approved by the board or a designated committee.
3. Approved applicants will receive a *Welcome Packet* featuring a payment link, FTF waiver, confirmation email and membership login.

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#### **\*\*Renewal and Termination\*\***

1. **\*\*Renewal\*\***: Membership renewals are annual. Renewal reminders will be sent 30 days before the membership expiration date.
2. **\*\*Termination\*\***: Membership may be terminated if:
  - A member fails to renew their membership fee by the due date.
  - A member violates the policies or code of conduct of the organization.

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#### **\*\*Refund Policy\*\***

Membership fees are non-refundable except in exceptional circumstances as determined by the board of directors.

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#### **\*\*Amendments to Policy\*\***

This membership policy may be amended by the board of directors. Members will be notified of any changes in writing at least 30 days before the changes take effect.

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