



Monarch Journey

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Monarch Journey presents a fun, inquiry based, environmental education program about the life cycle and habitat of the monarch caterpillar and butterfly. Using a variety of media, including live caterpillars and/or butterflies (when available), the Monarch Journey program is perfect for schools, Pre-K and after school, libraries, summer camps, nature centers, senior centers, garden clubs, civic association meetings and scout troops. Any school or organization can host a program and will benefit from the Monarch Journey experience.

Children and adults of all ages love observing caterpillars munching milkweed. Such an experience can foster an awareness and appreciation for the unseen beauty of this amazing creature whose life processes occur in our own backyards, fields, parks, and alongside our roadways. This awareness can help promote monarch butterfly habitat development, preservation and education, all which Monarch Journey is devoted to.

Covid Safety Considering current world events, the Covid-2020 Pandemic, Monarch Journey understands the need for closing of schools, libraries, nursing homes and the facilities that have previously hosted presentations.

Should our situation in Fall 2021 present as being safe to hold indoor presentations, Monarch Journey will abide by safety issues as dictated, i.e.: masks, handwashing, hand sanitizer use, face shields and social distancing. Should the opportunity arise that an outdoor presentation can happen, Monarch Journey will honor all safety issues regarding Covid.

Please browse the Monarch Journey web site where you will find photos and program information and check out the Monarch Journey Facebook page. Links to both are at the top of this page. Please send me an email if you have questions, stories to share or would like to schedule a presentation.

I would encourage you to inquiry about possible program bookings for Fall 2021.

Sincerely,
Loretta Shigo

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Monarch Journey Visit Fees*: These rates are valid through December 2021 only.

*(Rates subject to change without notice.)

NOTE: A \$80 per day NONREFUNDABLE deposit will be required to schedule all bookings and hold date(s). Upon scheduling your visit, you will receive a Letter of Confirmation to submit to your PTO or financial officer, after which your deposit is expected to confirm your booking. Balance due, materials fee (if any) due upon completion of program.

**Estimated materials costs: \$25 - \$50 per presentation if an activity is scheduled.

**Not all presentations will have an activity and will not incur this cost.

\$155 Single Presentation Visit

A Single Presentation is one 45-55 minute session. Available within 30-mile radius of my home in Doylestown, PA. Locations within 30-50 miles one-way, a travel expense of \$15.00 will be added. Locations within 50-75 miles one-way, a travel expense of .58 cents per mile will be added.

\$310 Half-Day Visit

A Half-Day Visit is two 45-55 minute sessions. Available within 30 miles of my home in Doylestown, PA or for the second or third day of a consecutive day overnight visit. Half-Day visits must conclude before lunch. Locations within 30-50 miles one-way, a travel expense of \$15.00 will be added. Locations within 50-75 miles one-way, a travel expense of .58 cents per mile will be added.

\$650 Full Day Visit

A Full Day Visit is four 45-55 minute sessions. Two in the morning and two after lunch. Available within 30 miles of my home in Doylestown, PA. Multiple Full Day Visits should be scheduled on concurrent days whenever possible. Locations within 30-50 miles one-way, a travel expense of \$25.00 will be added. Locations within 50-75 miles one-way, a travel expense of .58 cents per mile will be added.

\$800 Full Day Visit with Overnight

If your school's *driving* time from my home is much in excess of (1) one hour, I may need overnight accommodations for a full-day or multi-day visit in order to arrive on time in the morning and to avoid rush hour traffic problems, in which case this fee will apply.

School/organization will also pay for and arrange my lodging, and provide me with a complete hotel address, phone number and confirmation number for a non-smoking hotel room close to the school. Travel expenses for overnight visits are .58 cents per mile.

NOTE: Visits with drive times in excess of two (2) hours will be priced on an individual basis. For information about evening workshops and Teacher Development Presentations please contact me for a detailed fee schedule.

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Getting Ready for Your Monarch Journey Visit:

Getting the children excited for a Monarch Journey visit enhances their experience. When they anticipate a visit from Monarch Journey with enthusiasm and excitement, the positive reaction that they have to my presentation and the value that they get from spending time with me increases tenfold!

Remember.... that your enthusiasm is contagious for them!

A little preparation goes a long way.

Here are some easy ways that you can prepare: 1) Talk about the Monarch butterfly and the caterpillar. 2) Talk about the process of metamorphosis 3) Read "*The Very Hungry Caterpillar*" by Eric Carle. 4) Have a map of Canada, The United States and Mexico on hand to illustrate the long way the monarch butterfly must travel to get to the over wintering grounds in Mexico. 5) Discuss habitat needed for the adult butterfly and the caterpillar.

Teacher Aids:

It is helpful to have one or two teaching aids on hand, especially if it is a large class of 20+ to help carry the caterpillars around for viewing. I have an easy and Covid safe way to show the caterpillars, which I will demonstrate. They need not be touched, so the fear of squashing or hurting is eliminated. I handle the butterflies as less as possible as they will be in a flight cage.

Equipment and Other Things:

I bring the caterpillars and butterflies* but there are a few items that I will need to be ready for me when I come:

1. A DVD/VHS Video Player with Television/viewing screen
2. A remote for DVD/VHS Player with a "Pause" function.

Or:

3. If your facility can project a PowerPoint, I will supply my own laptop & thumb drive, you will need to supply a screen and the device to project the PowerPoint.
4. Bottled water available throughout the day.
5. Hand sanitizer for students.
6. Lunch: If a Full day session, I always appreciate a provided lunch, but it is not required. If your school/organization will not be providing a lunch, all I ask is that you let me know ahead of time so that I may make other arrangements.

I will provide PDFs via email for handouts one week prior to print for participants. I provide one set of handouts for the program coordinator.

* As I collect the caterpillars and eggs in the wild from local fields and rear them in comfortable cages indoors, the opportunity to see the caterpillars in all the 5 instar stages is possible. Adult butterflies may emerge from a chrysalis during a visit, and I will include already emerged adult butterflies *if I have them* as they travel well in a special soft flight cage that will not damage their wings. Releases are weather and butterfly dependent. It must be above 60 degrees, not raining and the butterflies' wings must have sufficiently dried.