Dear teachers,

This brief slideshow will prepare you and your students for your field trip to Descanso Gardens. It reviews what a botanical garden is, what you might see and behavior expectations. We also hope that it builds excitement for your visit.

Each slide explains a different point about your field trip, and we’ve included some questions to facilitate group discussion.

Whether you’ve booked a self-guided or docent-guided field trip, we hope this slideshow gets you and your students ready for a fun, safe and meaningful visit to Descanso Gardens.

Sincerely,
Descanso Education Team
Field Trip to Descanso Gardens
Soon you will be going on a field trip with your class to a botanical garden called Descanso Gardens.

A **botanical garden** is a living museum where we study and care for different plants.

These are some of the places and plants you might visit at Descanso.
Descanso Gardens is a perfect place to be close to nature. You can look and listen closely, discover new things and ask lots of questions. On your field trip, you will get to explore nature with your classmates.

*Group discussion:*
*Share a memory of a time you spent in nature or share something you hope to see when you explore nature during the field trip.*
Descanso is an important habitat for many animals.

While exploring, you might see and hear the wild animals that live at Descanso.

If you are lucky enough to see an animal, use a quiet voice and give the animal its space.

*Group discussion:*

*Do you recognize any of these animals?*

*What do you know about habitats?*
Just like at home or in your classroom, there are some important rules to remember while you’re at Descanso Gardens. These rules are meant to keep you safe and to protect our plants and the animals that make their homes here.

*Take a few minutes to think with your class about ways you can be safe and respectful on your field trip.*
We hope you are looking forward to exploring nature on your field trip to Descanso Gardens!

What are you most excited to see or do at Descanso Gardens?

What questions do you have about your visit?