



**BUTTERFLY creek™**

## **BUTTERFLY CREEK RULES TO MAKE YOUR VISIT SAFE AND FUN**

**PLEASE** go over these Rules with your groups prior to your visit and again in the bus. That way, when we say them, we are reinforcing their expectations. We say the rules in a fun way and encourage the children to call out at points during our talk.

In the Butterfly House as well as butterflies, there are turtles, finches and quail.

We also have tropical fish, reptiles, eels, gold fish, and frogs.

At Buttermilk Farm, there are rabbits, baby rabbits, ducks, guinea pigs, kunekune pigs, calves, ponies, sheep, goats, roosters, chickens, bantams, alpacas (like llamas from Bolivia/Ecuador) lorikeets and Charlie the talking cockatoo.

The animals are in their homes; this is where they live...

- \* We are kind, soft and gentle with the animals.
- \* And by the fish, in the Butterfly House and in the Petting Shed with the rabbits and guinea pigs it is important that we are quiet, with our voices and walk softly with our feet as loud noise is very scary for the animals and birds.
- \* Children are encouraged to stroke baby rabbits and guinea pigs but are not allowed to pick them up or have them in their laps. They are expected to take turns gently.
- \* Butterflies can't hurt you and will land on people, but it is important that we don't try to pull at them or stroke them as that could break them.
- \* We never throw anything at insects, butterflies, animals or fish.
- \* Children should also know what to do if they become separated from their group.

And on the train platform we keep right away from the train if it is moving past the platform. When riding the train we keep our arms and hands inside the carriage and always stay sitting down.

We get ONE ride on the train. Extra train rides may be purchased at the shop  
At a cost of \$3.00 each ride.

## **THE 3 AREAS TEACHERS / PARENTS NEED TO DILIGENTLY SUPERVISE:**

Train platform, Butterflies landing on children, Stroking animals in the Petting Shed.

Also please refer to Risk Management Planning Information.

We request that you watch out for shy kids and encourage them to pat rabbits too.

If children are rough or noisy the farm supervisor will put the animals back in their pens to keep them safe, happy and relaxed.

We also expect children to respect our plants and property but we don't talk on this as in our experience most children are aware of this. If you have (or anticipate) a problem in this area please let us know so we can discuss prevention / solutions.

We hope you all enjoy your visit and wish you a safe, happy and educational experience at Butterfly Creek.