

Tips and Tricks for Resource Specialists

"No one can teach anyone anything. One can only enable another to discover it for himself."

Carl Rogers

The good news: You don't have to prepare any lectures for *Kids in the Creek*! You should, however, be prepared by familiarizing yourself with the curriculum. Your role is to ask stimulating questions to get them on their way, and to be a guide. Here are a few tips and tricks that work for us:

- ❑ Introduce yourself. Tell the students what you do for a living. Ask for their names, too. Find out who the student leaders and chaperones are and let them know you're depending on them.
- ❑ Be aware that students may have different levels of preparation and adjust your presentation as needed.
- ❑ Speak clearly and loudly enough to be heard over outdoor sounds.
- ❑ Share intriguing trivia and use humor to keep the mood light.
- ❑ Be enthusiastic - attitude is contagious! If you are excited about the subject, they will be too. Provide for student interaction and group dynamics.
- ❑ Keep focused and on track. If discipline becomes a problem, stop and ask for assistance from the chaperone or teacher.
- ❑ If students have a question, engage in group discussion to determine an answer. If you don't know the answer, tell them so and encourage them to research it later.
- ❑ Be flexible. Grab those teachable moments.
- ❑ Above all, be yourself and have fun.