

# RISING STARS TEES

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## 2026 SUMMER SAFETY FIELD TRIP CHECKLIST

A Resource for Austin's Early Childhood Educators | Provided by Tony Crawford, CPS Educator & Author

"Your 5-Point Plan for a Safe, Seamless, and Stellar Summer"

### 1 THE 'VISUAL BEACON' RULE

Children are most vulnerable in crowded public spaces. Visual consistency is your first line of defense. Do not mix shirt colors across your group — confusion costs critical seconds.

★ **STAR TIP:**

*Choose ONE high-visibility Neon (Safety Orange or Lime) for the entire student body. A unified 'Visual Wave' lets teachers spot a student from 50 yards away in a crowded park.*

### 2 THE 'IF FOUND' PROTOCOL

Children are curious and fast. Every child must carry your center's direct emergency contact. Never put a child's full name on the outside of a shirt — this creates a safety risk.

★ **STAR TIP:**

*Use a standardized back-print: Center Name + Emergency Phone Number in bold. This turns every shirt into a safety tool at no extra cost.*

### 3 THE 'STAFF AUTHORITY' UNIFORM

In a crowd, park rangers and security need to instantly identify who is in charge. Volunteers and staff wearing the same shirt creates confusion during emergencies.

★ **STAR TIP:**

*Volunteers wear tees. Staff wear embroidered polos. A professional polo commands immediate respect and authority from outside personnel.*

### 4 THE 'D.O.C.I.E.' HEADCOUNT SYSTEM

Count constantly: at the bus, at the entrance, before lunch, and before departure. Passive counting puts all responsibility on adults — engage your students too.

★ **STAR TIP:**

*Use the 'WATCH OUT!' call-and-response at every transition point. Designate 'Safety Superheroes' among students — they help you watch the group.*

### 5 THE 'LOCAL PARTNER' ADVANTAGE

Online ordering from large print shops means delayed sizes, wrong colors, and no recourse. A field trip uniform crisis on Monday morning should never happen to your center.

★ **STAR TIP:**

*Partner with a neighbor. Rising Stars Tees offers free Mobile Showroom visits — we bring the catalog and samples directly to your center. Short 3 shirts? Delivered next day.*



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