Field Notes Guide

Title of Event
Date
Location
Number and Description of People observed

Field Notes
Date; Location; Participants

Description	Interpretation	Reflection

Description Column

Time-stamp beginning and end of observed activity.

Describe the environment in detail: What do you see, hear, smell?

Describe what people are doing and saying.

Reflection Column

Extend your thoughts about your interpretations of the activities you are noticing.

How do people's actions indicate relations between them and to objects in this space?

What is your relationship to the people, objects, and events that you observe?

How do you feel about what you see?

Interpretation Column

Make some judgments: Which actions appear to attract special attention in this environment, and which go without much notice?

Why do you think people are doing what they are doing?

What other scenes does the one you are witnessing remind you of?