



Field Trip Information

Fees:

To complete your reservation, fees for the programs are due in advance and should be mailed to Centre Region Parks and Recreation, 2040 Sandy Dr Ste A, State College, PA 16803. Please make your check payable to Millbrook Marsh Nature Center.

Dress for the Weather:

Please be sure that students are dressed for the weather and prepared for any outdoor conditions. During the program, the group will be outdoors in the fields, forest, and marsh areas. Please encourage your group to wear comfortable clothing suitable for outdoor exploration. **Programs will be held rain or shine. Please dress for the weather.**

If you feel your class should not attend the program due to the weather, please contact me immediately and we will make arrangements to reschedule, if possible. I can be reached at the Millbrook Marsh Nature Center office at 814-235-7819 or by email at mmaguffey@crcog.org

Introduction to Wetlands:

In preparation for the trip, it is helpful to define and discuss the importance of wetlands with students.

Respect for Nature:

Please stress the importance of leaving nature as we find it: litter free and with all the leaves, branches, and creatures intact. Please leave it to the naturalist to pick one sample for the group.

Groups:

Students will be divided into smaller groups of 10-15 children. Each smaller group will receive a naturalist to lead them through the marsh. Please split your groups up according to the instructions in your email, however, be aware that sometimes groups need to be changed upon arrival.

Special Needs:

Before your trip, please inform the Nature Center Program Coordinator about any special needs we should be aware of.

The Day of your Field Trip:

Please arrive at your scheduled program time. If your group will need to use the restroom, please arrive early. Remember that there may be groups departing as your group is arriving.

Each program will begin with a welcome and introduction from a nature center staff person. The rest of the program will be led by the naturalist assigned to your group.

Bus Parking:

Bus drivers should pull into the visitor lot and wrap all the way around to the bus parking area, closest to the path. Children can unload there and make their way down the path towards the barn.

Review Safety:

*There must be a teacher or approved parent chaperone with each group of children. Since groups usually divide into smaller learning stations, you will need 2-4 adult chaperones/teachers with your group, depending on the number of groups instructed in your email. Each adult in charge of a group should routinely count children during the program and, if possible, have a list of children in their group.

*Children who arrive on the school bus should leave on the school bus and not with a parent, unless pre-arranged with the school, based on school procedure. This must be overseen by the teacher and not by nature center staff.

We are looking forward to your trip! Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best Wishes,



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