



Field Trip Information Guide 2020-2021

Overview

The Nature Institute (TNI) offers field trip programs to groups of students in preschool through twelfth grade. Field trip programs are offered in two hour blocks, Tuesday-Friday throughout the school year.

Program Length: Two Hours

- Educational programs are facilitated by our staff and volunteer field trip leaders and are two hours in length
- We provide one field trip leader per group of 15 students
- You are invited to use our picnic tables and play area for self-guided lunch and free play time, before or after the program

Program Size: 15-60 students

- Please break your students into groups of no more than 15
- Contact us if you would like to arrange a trip for fewer than 15 or more than 60 students

Program Cost: \$6/student

- Minimum of \$90 per program
- Schools may choose to add a second program block in the afternoon at a discounted rate of \$3 per student

Chaperones

All teachers and school staff are free. One volunteer chaperone per ten students is also free. Additional adults will be charged at the student rate.

Deposit/Cancellation Policy

Effective Spring 2020, TNI will require a deposit for all field trips in order to secure a date on our calendar. The deposit may be made through our online registration system or by check, but it must be received no later than 30 days before the program date. You will receive final confirmation from our staff once your program is on the calendar.

The deposit is \$90, which is equivalent to the minimum program fee and will be credited towards the cost of the program. This deposit is only refundable in the case of TNI cancelling the program due to unforeseen circumstances, such as a hazardous weather event. If a school cancels their field trip within two weeks off their scheduled date, they lose their deposit and a



new deposit will be required to reschedule the program. If a school cancels their field trip with at least two weeks notice, the original deposit can be applied towards the rescheduled date.

Transportation

You are responsible for transportation. TNI may be able to help you secure transportation funding. Please contact us for more information.

Program Options

Program	Season	Grade Level
Fall on the Preserves	Fall	Pre-K through 5th
Winter on the Preserves	Winter	Pre-K through 5th
Spring on the Preserves	Spring	Pre-K through 5th
Recycling and Composting	Any	1st through 3rd
Geology	Any	1st through 3rd
Survival Skills	Any	4th through 6th
Map and Compass	Any	1st through 3rd
Forest Ecology	Fall or Spring	Middle School and High School
Stream Sampling	Fall or Spring	Middle School and High School
Citizen Science	Fall or Spring	Middle School and High School

Contact

If you would like more information regarding field trips at TNI, please call us at 618-466-9930 or email us at info@thenatureinstitute.org.