



## Teacher and Chaperone Field Trip Guide

Greetings teachers and chaperones!

Thank you for scheduling a Riverbend field trip! Please review this document for some helpful tips to enjoy your visit to our preserve.

### Things to know before you come to Riverbend:

- Visitors should wear clothes and shoes that can get wet and dirty. Long pants, long sleeves and close-toed shoes are best! We recommend students have clean and dry clothes to change into when they return to school, if needed.
- Check the weather forecast and dress accordingly. We are an all-weather facility. Please make sure that students come prepared to be outdoors in any weather.
- Please leave your valuables at home.
- We recommend applying sunscreen and bug spray before arriving at Riverbend.
- Please let us know in advance if you plan to eat lunch at Riverbend. Bagged lunches can be stored in the barn during field trip activities. Students should bring a lunch that does not require refrigeration or a microwave.
- Riverbend is a **carry in/carry out facility** so please remember trash bags for recycling and trash. Bags of trash and recycling must be taken back to your school or facility for disposal.
- We practice the principles of “**Leave No Trace**” at Riverbend. We encourage students and visitors to explore and pick up natural objects. When they’re finished natural objects should be returned to the location where they were found.
- A map as well as additional information about our preserve are always available on our [website](#).

### What to expect when you arrive:

- An educator will greet your group and direct you to our introduction area. After an introduction with a Riverbend educator, groups will split up and head to their first stations.
- Restrooms are located in the Snider Barn or the Pavilion (at the top of the hill). During summer months, porta-potties are available near the parking lot. Water fountains are also available in the barn.
- After completing all of the stations, groups will return to the introduction area for a wrap up. If your group is staying for lunch, we’ll direct you to our picnic table areas after the wrap up.
- Ticks and poison ivy are common in Southeastern PA. A Riverbend educator will lead the group through a tick check at the end of the program.



**Field Trip Schedule:**

9:45am Buses arrive at Riverbend  
10:00am-10:15am Introduction  
10:15am-11:15 Rotate through Education Stations  
11:15-11:45 Lunch  
11:45-12:45 Rotate through Education Stations  
12:45-1:00 Wrap-up  
1:00 Load Buses

**Please reach out with any additional questions. Have fun and enjoy nature! We look forward to seeing you soon!**

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