



Program FAQ

Q: How much do field trips cost?

A: All onsite field trips are free, but donations are welcome.

Q: How long should I plan for a field trip?

A: Most staff-led programs last 30-45 minutes per class depending on group size and program choice. Groups typically spend 2-3 hours at Lynch River County Park total doing their program of choice, exploring the trails and playground, and eating lunch.

Q: How many students can I bring?

A: Most programs are designed for no more than 35 students. The EDC can accommodate groups of up to 70 students a day by dividing students into two sessions. For groups larger than 70, please fill out a separate request form for additional days.

Q: When do you offer field trips?

A: We offer field trips August – May, Tuesday – Friday.

Q: What time do programs start?

A: Programs begin at 10AM. If this time does not work for your group, alternate arrangements can typically be made. Please plan to arrive 15 minutes early to unload buses and take restroom breaks.

Q: What if my group arrives late?

A: All programs start on-time and late arrivals will result in a shortened program. Depending on arrival time your field trip may have to be rescheduled. Please let EDC staff know if your group is running behind.

Q: What's your cancellation policy?

A: A notice to cancel or reschedule your program must be received at least 48 hours before your scheduled date. Failure to provide adequate notice will result in a deposit being required for future bookings. Two or more occurrences from the same organization may result in refusal of future field trips at EDC supervisor discretion. *This does not include weather related cancellations.*

Q: Can we do a program not designed for our grade level?

A: This is at the teacher's discretion. If you're confident the students can understand the material, we're happy to do it!

Q: What happens if it's raining the day of our program?

A: Most Programs will be conducted rain or shine, and some programs may be conducted outdoors. Please check with EDC staff to confirm if your program is indoors or outdoors.

Q: Where should the bus park?

A: We ask buses to please park on the gravel side of the parking lot with the engine off. Florence County has a no idling policy.

Q: Can we eat lunch at the park?

A: Absolutely! We encourage schools to utilize our picnic areas.

Q: Do you offer programs for homeschool groups?

A: We've dedicated the second Tuesday of each month (excluding January, June, July, & December) to local area home school students. You can find the schedule and more information on the Homeschool Tab of our website.

Q: Can I bring my summer camp group?

A: Unfortunately, we are unable to offer staff-led programs in June and July due to having our own summer camp. Groups are welcome to come out and explore the park on their own.

Q: Is bug spray provided?

A: Mosquitoes and gnats can be distracting and irritating to students while outside. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide bug spray for the students, so we recommend bringing repellent, if possible.