

Phinizy Swamp Nature Park

Large Group Staging

PK- 8th Grade: Groups larger than 50 students

Before Arriving at Phinizy Swamp Nature Park

- Split students into two equal-sized groups (Group A and Group B).
- If driving two different buses, place Group A on one bus and Group B on other bus.
- Group A and B should be sub-divided into smaller groups as indicated on your field trip confirmation sheet (see 'comments' section on bottom).
- If possible, please ensure that students have utilized restroom facilities prior to arrival at the Nature Park.

Upon Arrival at the Nature Park

- **Please note that we no longer use Richmond County Lock & Dam Park as a staging area for Field Trips!**
- Upon arrival at the Nature Park, ***please have students remain on the bus.***
- Appoint one teacher from each Group (A and B) as Group Leader. Group Leaders will off-load from the bus and meet with park staff in order to turn in liability forms and payment (if indicated), and to receive final schedule details from park staff.
- Based on the type of field trip scheduled, one bus may remain at the front part of the nature park for pre-field trip activities while the other bus will proceed to a different area of the nature park for the field trip itself. Park staff will direct buses to their respective staging areas. Parent/chaperones not already on board the buses may follow their child's bus to its respective staging area.
- Restroom facilities and drinking fountains will be available at all staging sites.
- **Make sure Group leaders completely understand the schedule of events before the field trip begins!**

While at Pre/Post Field Trip Staging Area

- ***Pre/post field trip activities are not overseen by park staff!***
- Pre/post groups will be provided with age appropriate activity materials to be utilized by **teachers** during this 90 minute period. The pre and post field trip activity period should be used to participate in the suggested activities provided by Nature Park staff, eat lunch, and use the restrooms.
- *If teachers wish to bring their own supplemental materials for student work during the pre and post field trip activity period, they may do so.*

Switching Groups A and B

- Nature Park staff will coordinate the switch between Group A (field trip, then post-ft activity period) and Group B (pre-ft activity period, then field trip).
- While Group B has their field trip, Group A will eat lunch and have their post-FT activity period.
- *It is requested that, if possible, all garbage is packed out of the Nature Park in trash bags provided by Nature Park staff.*
- **Please leave all unused pre/post FT activity period materials at the Large Group Staging Area for pick up by Nature Park staff.**
- Both Groups will reconvene at the Nature Park's front parking lot before proceeding back to school.