



# Riverbend Park Field Trips

for pre-school and Kindergarten students

## FALL 2012

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**Who:** Preschool and Kindergarten children ages 3-6

**What:** Naturalist-led programs

**When:** September - December 2012. **Reservations begin Wednesday, August 29 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Where:** Riverbend Park, Great Falls, Virginia 22066

**Why:** Integrate SOL/Program of Studies with fun hands-on learning

**How:** Call **703-759-9018**

**Gift Bags:** \$4/bag + tax. Please request gift bags when you reserve a field trip date. If your school is tax exempt, please remember to bring the tax exempt information.

**Program Charge:** Fairfax County Schools: \$5/child and \$5/chaperone.

Non-Fairfax county schools: \$6/child and \$6/chaperone.

Payment is due on the scheduled program date. Minimum class size: 15

**Wagon Ride Charge:** If you schedule a program and a wagon ride on your same visit, the wagon ride charge is \$2/person. If you are visiting only for a wagon ride the charge is \$3/person.

Minimum number of people: 15.

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**Nature Wagon Rides** - Explore fall with a wagon ride and enjoy activities along the way.

We'll observe nature and perhaps see an animal or two.

Optional gift bag includes an animal sticker book, animal slap bracelet and park pencil.

Location: Nature Center

Length: 30 minutes

**Powhatan and Pocahontas** - Through a short walk, hands-on activities, and handling tools and other everyday items (artifact reproductions), learn what your life would have been like as an American Indian child living here a long time ago. Listen to some stories about Powhatan and Pocahontas.

Optional gift bag includes an Indian activity book, two replica arrowheads and a park pencil.

Location: Visitor Center or Nature Center

Length: 1 hour

**Social Studies Program of Studies/SOLs – K.1(a), K.2**

**Fall Sense-ations Walk** - Experience the sounds, colors and textures of fall in this ¼ mile forest discovery walk. Through activities, we'll use our senses to explore nature and learn how animals use theirs.

Optional gift bag includes an animal sticker book, animal slap bracelet and park pencil.

Location: Nature Center

Length: 45 minutes

**Program of Studies/SOLs – K.2(a,b), K.4(a,b,c), K.8(b)**

**Squirrel's Tale** - Hear the story of the squirrel searching for his cache of acorns. On our short fall hike we'll use our senses and explore the world of these high-climbing acrobats.

Optional gift bag includes an animal sticker book, animal slap bracelet and park pencil.

Location: Nature Center

Length: 45 minutes

**Program of Studies/SOLs – K.2(a), K.4(a,c), K.6(a,b), K.8(b)**

**Hop, Slither and Crawl** - Activities and a short hike will introduce us to the fascinating lives of reptiles and amphibians. Meet some of our exhibit animals up close.

Optional gift bag includes a turtle sticker book, sand bag turtle and park pencil.

Location: Nature Center

Length: 45 minutes

**Program of Studies/SOLs – K.4(c), K.6(a,b,c)**

# Riverbend Park's Winter Programs

## Programs are at your school or at the park.

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**Who:** Age appropriate programs for pre-school

**What:** Naturalist-led programs

**When:** December 2012 - March 2013. **Reservations begin August 29 at 9:00 a.m.**

**Where:** It's your choice. A Riverbend naturalist visits your school or your school visits the park. Pre-school programs run about 45 minutes.

**Why:** Integrate SOL/Program of Studies with fun hands-on learning

**How:** Call **703-759-9018**.

**Charge for programs at your school:** The program cost is \$150 for the first class and \$125 for each additional class. The cost for NON-FAIRFAX county schools is \$200 for the first class and \$175 for each additional class.

**Charge for programs at the park:** The program cost is \$5/child and \$5/chaperone. Minimum class size: 15. The cost for NON-FAIRFAX county schools is \$6/child and \$6/chaperone. Payment is due on the scheduled program date.

**Gift Bags:** \$4/bag + tax. The gift bag includes items from our gift shop relevant to the program your class is registered for. Please request gift bags when you reserve a field trip date. If your school is tax exempt, please remember to bring the tax exempt information.

**Snow policy:** If Fairfax County Public Schools are delayed, closed early or canceled, the program will be canceled for that day. We will make an effort to reschedule your program.

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**Animals on the Move** – (children 2-3 yrs.) - Nature never rests, even when Old Man Winter comes around. Learn about migration, hibernation, and active winter animals through activities, stories and songs.

**Animals Like Us** – (children 4-5 yrs.) - How are we similar to animals? Explore the lives of animals through the use of interactive sight, smell and touch activities.

**Winter Wonderland** – (children 4-5 yrs.) - Brrr! Come join the fun as we build a snowman, match frosty snowflakes, and hear a story. Find out which local animals hibernate, migrate and survive through a game and movement activity.

**American Indian Life** – (children 4-5 yrs.) - Learn about the Algonquian Indians who once lived in Fairfax County. Hands-on activities include magnet fishing and an American Indian story.

**If you would like to receive our school flyers via email, please email [Julie.Gurnee@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:Julie.Gurnee@fairfaxcounty.gov) and write "teacher email list" in the subject line. Your email address will not be shared with other organizations.**



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