



Riverbend Park Field Trips

for elementary age students

FALL 2012

Who: School age children 1st- 6th grade

What: Naturalist-led programs

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

Where: Riverbend Park - Great Falls, Virginia 22066

Why: Reinforce SOLs/Program of Studies. Make learning hands-on and fun!

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.

Earth Explorers - Igneous, metamorphic, or sedimentary? Hands-on activities include identifying rocks and minerals, exploring plate tectonics and building a volcano. Hike along the Potomac in search of the ancient ocean floor and explore soil types.

Optional gift bag includes a variety of minerals or rocks, a small book on rocks, a local geology sheet and park pencil.

Length: 1.5 hrs. Grades: 3-6 **SOL/Program of Studies:** 3.3 (a, b, c), 4.8(c), 5.6(a), 5.7(a, b, c, d)

Delightful Decomposers - Look at life under a log. Hike the forest in search of decomposers, such as turkey tail, shelf fungus, worms, termites and more! Through trail activities find out why decomposers, such as fungus, are important to maintain a healthy ecosystem.

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

Length: 1.5 hrs. Grades: 1-6 **SOL/Program of Studies:** 1.4(a,b,c), 1.7(a), 2.5(a), 2.8(c), 3.10(a)

Indians of the Potomac - Gather 'round the totem, touch the dugout canoe, view an American Indian warrior in full dress and see local artifacts. Find out how the Algonquian Indians adapted to their climate and environment to secure food, clothing and shelter. Learn about their daily lives through activities. Take a short hike along the Potomac River, a heavily used American Indian travel way.

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

Length: 1.5 hrs. Grades: 1-6 **SOL/Program of Studies:** VS.2(c,d,e,g)

Falling Leaves and Seeds Hike or with Optional Wagon Ride - Can you tell an oak from a maple? Is that an acorn or a walnut? Shorter days and colder weather have animals and plants preparing for the upcoming winter. Venture through the deciduous forest on a hike. Listen and search for animals and play trail games on the hike or on a wagon ride. The wagon ride option is an additional \$2/person and the total program time is still one and a half hours (including 30 minute wagon ride.)

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

Length: 1.5 hrs. Grades: 1-6 **SOL/Program of Studies:** 1.1(a), 1.4(a,b,c), 1.5(a,b), 1.6(a), 1.7(a,b,c), 1.8(a), 2.4(b), 2.5(a), 2.7(a), 2.8(c), 3.4(a,b), 3.5(a,b,c), 3.6(a), 3.8(b), 3.10(a), 3.11(a)

Rain on My Watershed - What happens when it rains? Find out with this action-packed program by building an enormous land mass with mountains, waterfalls and lakes, and then we'll make it rain.

Find out how each of us fits in to the Potomac River watershed. Become part of the water cycle and take a walk along the Potomac River.

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

Length: 1.5 hrs. Grades: 2-6 **SOL/Program of Studies:** 2.3(b), 2.5(a,b), 3.6(a), 3.7(d), 3.9(a,b,c,d), 4.8(a,b), 5.7(e,f), 6.5(b,f,g)

Riverbend Park's Winter Programs at your school or at the park.

Who: School age children 1st-6th grade

What: Naturalist-led programs

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

Where: It's your choice. A Riverbend naturalist visits your school or your school visits the park.

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

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

Charge for programs at your school: Fairfax County Schools: \$150 for the first class and \$125 for each additional class.

Non-Fairfax county schools: \$200 for the first class and \$175 for each additional class.

Charge for programs at the park: 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

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.

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.

Eastern Woodland Indians - Find out how the Siouan and Algonquian Indians adapted to their climate and their environment to secure food, clothing and shelter. Learn about their daily lives through activities.

Length: one hour Grades: 1-4 **SOL/Program of Studies:** VS.2(c,d,e,g)

Watersheds In Action - What happens when it rains? Find out with this action-packed program by building an enormous land mass with mountains and lakes, and then we'll make it rain. Find out how each of us fits in to the Potomac River watershed. Envision the future and improve our watersheds.

Length: one hour Grades: 2-6 **SOL/Program of Studies:** 2.3(b), 2.5(a,b), 3.6(a), 3.7(d), 3.9(a,b,c,d); 4.8(a,b), 5.7(e,f), 6.5(b,f,g)

Earth Explorers - Igneous, metamorphic or sedimentary? Hands-on activities include identifying rocks and minerals, exploring plate tectonics and building a volcano.

Length: one hour Grades: 3-5 **SOL/Program of Studies:** 3.3 (a, b, c), 4.8(c), 5.6(a), 5.7(a, b, c, d)

Explore the Solar System -

What is a comet? Activities help us understand the objects in our solar system and how they interact. We'll delve deeper and explore the role of the sun's energy on earth.

Length: one hour Grades: 4-6 **SOL/Program of Studies:** 4.7(a,b,c); 6.8(a,b,d,e,g)

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