



## Preparing For Your River Park Field Trip

### **Arrival:**

Please arrive on time. Delays may force cancellation of some programs. Buses should drop students off at the designated parking area at the park. Please assemble students in the field to the left of the drive. Your students will be greeted by one of our educational staff for the walk down into the park.

### **Cell Phones:**

While we recognize the importance of cell phones on-site, we request that all cell phones be silenced during program presentations and that all chaperones refrain from taking calls during the field trip.

### **Discipline:**

The environmental educator is not responsible for discipline. Teacher and chaperone involvement is vital to a meaningful learning experience and student safety.

### **Dismissal:**

Please have buses pick up students at the covered picnic shelter by the river. After turning onto Quality Circle, follow the gravel road until it ends at the bottom. There is enough room for the bus to turn around. If your bus is going to wait, please ask the driver to turn off the bus. Bus emissions are harmful for the environment and students at the park.

### **Documentation:**

Please bring copies of all permission slips and waivers with you the day of your program. Students without signed waivers will not be able to participate in kayaking activities.

### **Dress:**

Students and chaperones must wear close-toed shoes. Long pants and long sleeves are preferred, even in warm weather. Dress appropriately for cooler weather as most activities are in the shaded tree areas. If participants are kayaking, they MUST bring a change of clothes. This change of clothes MUST be on the bus in case the participant gets wet during the kayaking program. Failure to comply may result in participant exclusion.

### **Evaluations:**

We take your comments seriously and use your feedback to plan for the next year. Please visit our website:

[http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rB1pUAVy9vtS5QBud4sEDA\\_3d\\_3d](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=rB1pUAVy9vtS5QBud4sEDA_3d_3d)

and complete the survey upon returning to school. Your opinion counts!

**Grouping:**

Instructional groups of no more than 12 should be designated at the home school in advance. The adult to student ratio should be no less than 1:5.

**Inclimate Weather:**

The program will be cancelled in the case of heavy rain. Notification will be called into the school by 7:30- 8:00 on the morning of the trips. If the temperature is below 40 degrees, kayaking may be rescheduled. If class needs to be rescheduled, we will use one of the previously scheduled rain dates. Teachers may call Maggie Harris at (803)493-5734 with any questions.

**Insect Repellent:**

You will be outside in the woods for the duration of your field trip. Spraying with insect repellent before your trip is recommended.

**Lunch:**

Groups will picnic on the tables at the river front. Students may bring a bag lunch; however, we cannot store lunches. Cleaning up leftover lunch trash is an important part of the day. We encourage Earth friendly packing of lunch, with as little waste as possible. Trash cans are located in the area.

**Name Tags:**

All participants, student and chaperones, must wear a visible name tag.

**Ratio:**

Adult chaperones to students should be no less than 1:5

**Respect:**

All living things, including plants, are to be respected and not injured in any way. We LOOK, LEARN, AND LEAVE ALONE.

**Safety:**

Stay with the group within the boundaries. Follow all directions.

**What Not To Bring:**

Radios, iPods, Gameboys, or any other electronic toys.