

OUTDOOR EDUCATION FIELD TRIP FORM

School _____

Teacher/Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

School Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

Preferred method of contact: OFFICE PHONE CELL PHONE EMAIL

This number would be used to reach you in the event of inclement weather or other cancellation. Programming takes place outdoors and inclement weather may require cancellation. In the event your trip must be cancelled, we will make every effort to reschedule your group.

Grade _____ # of Classes _____ # Students _____ #Parents _____ # Teachers _____

(Participant numbers to be confirmed with Lead Facilitator, Whitney Chiaramonte via email at whitney@bridgewaysal.org

2 weeks prior to arrival for billing purposes)

**** For billing purposes, please have parents pay through your school directly when/if possible ****

Preferred Date _____ Alternative Date _____

Arrival Time: _____ Departure Time: _____

Will you be eating lunch at camp? _____ If yes, what time would you like to eat? _____

Names of teachers attending: 1) _____ 2) _____

3) _____ 4) _____ 5) _____

Do you have any students that have any limitations that may not allow them to hike or climb stairs?

Yes No

Please choose 4 activities:

Edible Aquifer		Water Cycle Necklace		Nature Hike		Fantastic Filtration	
Critter Hotel		Scats & Tracks		Seed Balls/Seed Pots		Forest Floor Investigation	
Living vs Non-Living		Sensory Trail					

Extras (No charge, weather & time permitting)

Fishing	Fish with hot dogs at the fishing hole.	
Mud Painting	Create works of art using mud.	
Creek Floor Scavenger Hunt	Students will walk through a very shallow creek, so they will get wet! Rain boots, old tennis shoes and/or water shoes recommended	

Thank you for your interest in Camp Fletcher!

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Examples of Curriculum

Located on a quiet and secluded 300 acre site, Camp Fletcher offers outdoor educational experiences for students in public, private and homeschools. We've developed the Outdoor Education Program to align with current Alabama Course of Study requirements.

Program activities are structured to allow diverse learners to have the most positive, beneficial experience possible.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- ◆ Camp Fletcher's Outdoor Education Program aligns with current ACOS set by the ASDE.
- ◆ Encourages students to actively participate in outdoor activities.
- ◆ Natural 'classroom' setting - from woodlands to creeks - we provide opportunities for students to have direct experiences with nature in a living environment.
- ◆ Accredited by the American Camp Association.



Camp Fletcher's Outdoor Education is completely tailored to your classroom, listed below are a few examples of activities offered:

- **Fantastic Filtration:** *Students learn how water gets dirty & what we can do to keep it clean.*
- **Edible Aquifer:** *This yummy activity teaches students about aquifers, groundwater contamination and groundwater protection.*
- **Water Cycle Necklace:** *This take home craft teaches students about the four main stages of the water cycle: evaporation, condensation, precipitation and accumulation.*
- **Nature Hike:** *Students will explore our trails and learn about different trees and animals that live in our forest.*
- **Mud Painting:** *What do you need to make paint? In this activity, students will explore the process of making paint using organic ingredients.*
- **Scats & Tracks:** *While investigating animal scats and tracks, students will learn about common wildlife in Alabama.*
- **Seed Balls/Seed Pots at the Garden:** *Students learn the basics of plant growth with an unconventional planting method!*
- **Critter Hotel:** *Students will understand the needs of different garden creatures such as amphibians, aphid eaters and pollinators, all while building a critter hotel.*
- **Forest Floor Investigation:** *Students will learn about a variety of organisms that live on the forest floor and the role decomposers play in the environment.*
- **Living vs. Non-Living:** *Students will learn and be able to identify the qualities that distinguish living and non living things and be able to understand what living things need to survive.*
- **Fishing Fun:** *Here students will learn about native fish in Shades Creek, and try their hand at fishing. (Limited to small groups)*
- **Sensory Trail:** *Students will walk blindfolded, using their senses, to make their way along a rope-guided trail.*
- **Teambuilding (6th—12th grade):** *Students participate in teambuilding activities and learn about the importance of communication between peers, becoming aware of the difference in a Growth Mindset and a Fixed Mindset. Examples include Island Hopping, Magic Carpet Ride, and the Chocolate River.*

Lessons are customizable. Let us know if we can customize a plan for you. Age restrictions apply for some activities.

Planning Your Visit To Camp Fletcher

Reservations: Please contact the camp office at 205.584.6033 to schedule your field trip. You will need to complete a registration form & submit a deposit.

Program Fees: \$16.00 per student, \$5.00 per parent/chaperone, and teachers are FREE. **All fees are subject to change**

Lunch: Lunch is not provided for field trips. Please have your students bring a sack lunch and a drink to enjoy in our dining hall and outdoor pavilion.

Group Sizes: Teachers/chaperones have primary responsibility for students' supervision & are required to accompany each group to each activity. To ensure a positive experience, we suggest breaking students into small groups, not to exceed 20 students.

Payment Options & Cancellations: Payment is due upon arrival at Camp Fletcher; credit card & checks accepted. In the event of inclement weather or other cancellation, we will make every effort to reschedule your group.

Attire & What to Bring: Programming takes place outdoors & bug spray is advised. Students are encouraged to wear closed toe shoes & long pants. Some mornings may be cool; consider bringing a sweater or light jacket.

First Aid: Camp Fletcher staff are prepared for minor injuries requiring first aid, however, we require that one adult is identified as a medical contact for your group during the field trip. This person must be aware of any student allergies as our programming occurs outside. In the event of a medical emergency, this adult will be responsible for making the decision to contact 911.

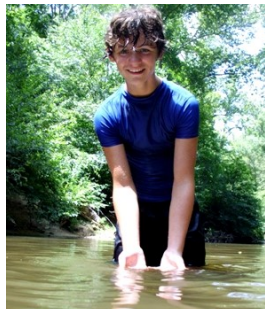
Sample Schedule

The following is a typical field trip schedule. Our curriculum is customizable to meet the needs of your school. We will help each group choose 4 activities for your visit that complement your classroom studies.

9:00 a.m.	Welcome/Introduction
9:20 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	Transition to Activity 1
9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.	Activity 1
9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Transition to Activity 2
10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	Activity 2
10:20 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Transition to Activity 3
10:30 a.m. - 10:50 a.m.	Activity 3
10:50 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Transition to Lunch
11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	Lunch and Bathroom Break
11:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m.	Transition to Activity 4
11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Activity 4
12:00 p.m. - 12:10 p.m.	Report Back to Amphitheater
12:10 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Closing and Departure

Directions

Take Interstate 459 to Exit #1. If traveling north, exit RIGHT. If traveling south, exit LEFT (back over the interstate). At the red light immediately after exiting turn LEFT onto Bell Hill Road. After approximately 1 mile, you will come to a fork in the road, bear RIGHT. You will then take an immediate RIGHT onto Lou George Loop. Follow Lou George Loop approximately 4 miles. At the stop sign turn RIGHT. Camp Fletcher's entrance will be on your LEFT.



Are you ready to give your students the Camp Fletcher experience?
Contact the camp office today or email our Office Manager, Cathy at camp.fletcher@bridgewaysal.org.