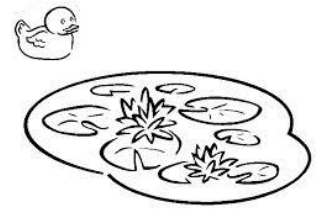


Field Trip

To Claude Moore Park



This field trip to Claude Moore Park in Sterling will be a “nature sampler” where the children will learn about various plants and animals and have the opportunity for some hands-on exploration in Frog Shackle Nature Center.

- Thursday, April 25 – Shining Stars & Friendly Frogs classes – **meet at 9:45 am**
- Friday, April 26 – Dazzling Dolphins & Lovable Ladybugs classes – **meet at 9:45 am**

If you are late, you are likely to miss the tour.

All students must be transported by their parent, or another adult chosen by the parent. (See the permission slip below.) This field trip is designed as an outdoor learning experience for 4/5-year-olds; therefore, **parents can go on the tour, but siblings cannot.** The cost is \$5/person (students & adults).

If you are unable to make other arrangements for siblings, you are welcome to drop off your child with their teacher and explore the park on your own or run errands at the nearby Target, Costco, etc. The **tour will end at 11:30am** so please return to the park by that time. You are welcome to bring a picnic lunch or snack to eat at the picnic tables with the other preschool families after the tour for some fun fellowship time. Picnic tables are first-come/first-serve and you must bring your own trash bags and place them in the dumpster across the parking lot from the Visitor Center when you leave. Water and public restrooms are available in the foyer of the Visitor Center.

Remember to have your child wear appropriate clothing and shoes for outdoor activities. This includes **closed toe shoes with socks**, hats, jackets for cooler weather and rain gear for rain or possible rain (no umbrellas). Bring water bottles for hot weather (In case of an extremely rainy day, we will send an email with alternative arrangements.)

Claude Moore Park is a fragile area. Picking or collecting plants, animals or natural or historic objects is prohibited.

Address: 21544 Old Vestal’s Gap Road, Sterling, VA 20164 – There are two entrances to Claude Moore Park from Cascades Parkway. You want the NORTH entrance (no traffic light)!

Directions from Route 28, North or South: Exit onto Rt. 625 east, Church Road toward Sterling. Follow Church Road for approximately 1 mile. Turn left onto Cascades Parkway at the traffic light. Go straight through two traffic lights. Turn Right onto Old Vestal’s Gap Road (**SECOND Claude Moore entrance – NOT the one at the traffic light that takes you to the rec center and ball fields!**)

Please fill out, detach, and return the permission slip below along with Cash (exact change) or Check (made out to ACP).

Children may not stay without the slip. We will take school emergency forms for any child without a parent present.

Due to your child’s teacher by Friday, April 19 (Keep the top portion for address/directions.)

I give my child, _____, permission to participate in the field trip at Claude Moore Park. He/she will be transported by _____. The information on my child’s emergency form is up to date and can be used in case of an emergency if I am not in attendance.

____ # of people attending x \$5/person (student **and** adult) = _____ amount enclosed (exact change or check)

Parent Name (print)

Parent Signature