

School Field Trip Questions and Answers

Why should I bring my class to the Lyonia Environmental Center?

The Lyonia Environmental Center offers a variety of hands-on, curriculum based programs that will take students on a journey inside our exhibit gallery, our classrooms and outside on the trails of Lyonia Preserve. Field trips to the LEC provide students the opportunity to learn about the unique Florida scrub ecosystem, as well as the plants and animals that call it home.

What is the field trip fee at the Lyonia Environmental Center?

Our standard program is \$3.00 per student (\$2.82 if tax exempt). We allow one adult free for every 10 students. All other adults are \$6.00 (\$5.63 if tax exempt). If you choose the Owl Pellet program, there is an additional \$2.00 per student. Payment can be made the day of the program. We accept cash, school check and credit card.

Is there a limit to the number of chaperones?

We love to have chaperones join us! We do not put a limit on the number of adults attending. We encourage chaperones to participate in the program and expect them to set good examples for the students by exhibiting good listening skills. If a teacher or chaperone needs to take or make a phone call or text, we ask that you step away from the group, and limit side conversations.

Students are expected to behave properly at all times. If a student is disruptive, he/she may be asked to sit aside and not participate in the program. Discipline, if necessary, is to be handled by the teacher or a designated chaperone.

When are school field trips offered?

School field trips are only offered during the school year, Tuesday through Thursday. Field trips may start as early as 9:00 am or as late as 11:00 am. Start and finish times can be modified if time is a problem because of your school's distance from the LEC.

What do we do about lunch?

*Lunch is not provided. We will do our best to schedule your lunch break as close to the time your students are accustomed to eating at school. Coolers with bagged lunches may be kept on our back deck during your program. Groups may enjoy their meal in the outdoor amphitheater located behind the environmental center. Please make sure everything is cleaned up and waste is placed into the trash/recycling receptacles located in the amphitheater when finished. **Please be prepared to remove coolers from your buses at the time of drop off.** Often, the buses leave the property and they may take your lunches with them!*

What happens if it rains?

In the case of inclement weather, LEC staff will modify your program accordingly.

How many students can the Lyonia Environmental Center accommodate for field trips?

The LEC cannot accommodate more than 70 students per day. If you have more than 70 students, you will need to split your group up into two days. Please check our availability calendar for what dates are available. If you have any questions, please contact the School Program Coordinator,

Shari Smith, at ssmith@volusia.org and she will gladly assist you with scheduling.

Where is the Lyonia Environmental Center located?

The LEC is located at 2150 Eustace Ave, Deltona, 32725. We are in the same building as the Deltona Regional Library.

Where do the students get dropped off?

Please refer to the bus drive map for the appropriate drop off/pick up locations for students, as well as the approved parking spaces for buses.

If traveling by bus, please provide each driver a copy of the Bus driver map. (See separate attachment)

This map shows the locations of the following:

- Student pick up/drop off
- Bus parking
- Lunch storage area
- Student assembly area

Is there a gift shop at the Lyonia Environmental Center?

There is no gift shop at the Lyonia Environmental Center.

How should I prepare my students for a day at Lyonia Environmental Center?

There are both indoor and outdoor elements to the field trips, including hiking in sugar sand.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST BE IN CLOSED TOED SHOES.

DO

- Come prepared-long pants, t-shirt, closed-toe shoes (shorts are acceptable, but not recommended) Optional: hat/visor, sunglasses
- Bring personal water bottle as it can get hot on hikes!
- Wear sunscreen & insect repellent if desired. (Please apply before arriving)

DON'T

- Wear dresses, high heels or sandals.
- Wear perfume/cologne or hairspray. It attracts little critters that like to bite!
- Bring cell phones or other electronics.

If a student and/or chaperone is not dressed in the proper attire, they may not participate in the program.

What do I need to bring/do the day of the program?

Teachers need to have the following items with them when they arrive at the LEC:

- 1- Signed liability forms. You must have one signed form for every student AND every adult attending, including teachers. Please note that there are different forms for adults and children. Make sure that the appropriate ones have been signed. **If you arrived at the LEC and do not have liability**

forms with you, the program cannot take place.

- 2- *Payment. Make sure you have made the necessary arrangements with your school accountant to bring the appropriate form of payment with you the day of the program.*
- 3- *Groups. Make sure that you have divided the ENTIRE group into 3 smaller teaching groups (as close to equal as possible).*
- 4- *Lunches. Don't forget to bring everyone's lunch! There is no food available on site, and no restaurants in the nearby vicinity to acquire lunch.*