

5th GRADE CLASS TRIP
ROCK EAGLE



INFORMATION PACKET
February 24-25, 2022

FIFTH GRADE ROCK EAGLE TRIP

Quick Info:

Dates: Thursday, February 24 - Friday, February 25, 2022

Cost: \$140.00 (includes cost of food, lodging, transportation) *

*This cost has already been supplemented with fundraising money through the PTA

Please note: Checks should be made payable to New Prospect Elementary School.

To pay online go to: <https://bit.ly/3y8ED5a>

No student will be denied the opportunity to participate in this field trip because of financial needs. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you need confidential assistance for a scholarship or partial scholarship.

Due Date: Permission slip and money need to be returned to school by Friday, January 14th

Details:

DROP-OFF:

Thursday February 24th: Students should plan to come to school by car between 7:30 am-7:45 a.m. to begin check-ins with their teachers. It is important that you do not come before 7:30 as the school buses will be dropping off other students. Please plan to drop off your child with his/her luggage in the back of the school by the cafeteria. Students **may not** ride the school bus that day with their luggage. Chaperones should arrive no later than 7:15 a.m. to help with luggage and check-ins.

PICK-UP:

Friday February 25th: Mrs. Lemons will send you a message through messenger about the ETA of the buses, but it should be between 3:00-4:00 p.m. Students will be released to parents in the cafeteria. Parents will be required to enter the building through the cafeteria doors. The teachers will have a sign-out sheet for checking students out at their designated table. *Note:* To pick a child up that is not your own, we must have written permission from the parent or guardian prior to leaving on the trip. It is critical that you DO NOT leave without signing your child out with their homeroom teacher.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Environmental Study field trip is twofold:

1. We aim to teach an appreciation, understanding, and awareness of the natural world by studying and interacting with that world.
2. We also utilize the natural world as a stimulus for other learning and creative activities. Underlying the trip is the belief that learning is not restricted to the classroom. Rather, learning is found in the world around us; therefore, Rock Eagle bases their teaching in that world. It is believed that learning cannot be categorized into compact areas of knowledge but rather should be interrelated with each "discipline" augmenting its counterparts. Through the combination of related, multi-disciplinary activities and an interaction with the natural world, it is hoped that students not only will acquire new knowledge, but also will come to appreciate this philosophy.

INSTRUCTION:

A variety of activities and projects are prepared by the teachers and staff. The activities will be those learning experiences specifically applicable to environmental education, taking advantage of the natural surroundings of the area and using that environment as a stimulus for the acquisition of previously acquired skills. Activities will include the areas of reading and language arts, science, mathematics, art, health, physical education, and social studies.

GROUP:

The group will consist of fifth grade students at New Prospect Elementary School who have parental permission to join the trip, parent chaperones, teachers, and administrators. This number will be approximately 128. Any student unable to attend the trip will remain at New Prospect and have work to do with another adult in the building.

TRANSPORTATION:

Transportation to Rock Eagle will be provided by chartered buses which are licensed carriers approved for this type of trip.

COSTS:

The cost for the trip is \$140.00. This will cover all expenses, including bus, food, snacks, and lodging. Students will not need any money to take on the trip unless they wish to purchase a small souvenir from the trading post (\$10- \$20 is recommended.)

SUPERVISION:

Responsibility for supervision and discipline will be assumed by the teachers, administrators, instructors and parent chaperones in attendance. The ratio of adults to students is 1 to 10.

SHELTER:

Rock Eagle 4-H Center has cottages with five large bedrooms/bathrooms that accommodate four children, one bedroom/bathroom to accommodate two adult chaperones, and a living room area.

LOCATION:

Rock Eagle 4-H Center is located off U.S. Highway 129 and 441, eight miles north of Eatonton, Georgia. It is easily accessible and is only 70 miles from Atlanta via Interstate 20 East.

HISTORY:

Rock Eagle is named for a huge, winged, eagle effigy made by Native American people who inhabited the area centuries ago. These early tribes were superseded by other Native American civilizations. Today, Rock Eagle is the center of the Georgia 4-H Summer Camp and the 4-H Environmental Education Program during the school year. At other times of the year, the facility is open to public groups as an educational conference center.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE:

The Center is beautifully situated on 1,500 acres of managed forest, featuring nature and hiking trails along with a well-stocked 100-acre lake for canoeing and aquatic study. The main complex includes a cafeteria-style dining hall, 54 cottages (each accommodating 18 people), five educational buildings, three recreational buildings, six open air pavilions, a primitive group camping area (with Adirondack shelters and log cabins), and a natural history building.

DINING HALL:

Each meal is provided by the Rock Eagle Dining Hall. Breakfast may include juice, bacon, eggs, grits, toast, cereal, and milk. Lunch and dinner include one meat, two vegetables, rolls, choice of salad, dessert, and beverage. **Food allergies or vegetarian meal alternatives MUST be indicated on the green permission slip (included with this packet).**

MEDICATION:

If your child requires medication that they take at school normally or at home daily, make sure you fill out the pink form in this packet and return with the permission slip.

PACKING LISTS:

**Neither Rock Eagle 4-H Camp nor New Prospect Elementary is responsible for lost or stolen items.

Item(s)	Packed?
2 pairs of shoes (at least one pair of which that can get wet and muddy—no flip flops)	
3 shirts (one extra) HOUSE SHIRT Thursday NPES Spirit Wear Friday	
1 jacket/sweatshirt/sweater depending on the weather	
Rain jacket with hood (classes continue regardless of the weather)—this is a MUST!	
Hat-optional	
Several pairs of socks	
Pajamas	
Sleeping bag or set of sheets—pillows and blankets are provided	
Toiletries - shampoo, soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, hairbrush	
Bath towel	
Shower shoes	
Plastic bag for wet or dirty clothes- pack a couple of these	
Water Bottle that can be refilled	

OPTIONAL ITEMS	
Insect Repellent	
Sunscreen	
Disposable camera with name on it	
Sunglasses	
Small daypack to carry items during the day (light, not a backpack)	
Souvenir/snack money	

List of items that MAY NOT be brought on the trip under any circumstances:

No chewing gum	No video games
No flip flops (for use other than in shower)	No DVD players
No sandals	No cell phones
No skates (or wheelie shoes)	No electronic devices of any kind

PLEASE NOTE:

Please limit luggage to one overnight bag. We recommend a large duffel bag or backpack. Suitcases are okay, but be aware students are responsible for carrying their own luggage (often over rough terrain). Avoid sending unnecessary items.

Please put a luggage tag on the student’s overnight bag and sleeping bag.

Make sure **ALL ITEMS** are marked with student’s name or initials.

ROCK EAGLE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

PERMISSION SLIP & Rules Confirmation *Please return next 2 sheets by January 14th

Student's Name: _____ Date: _____

In order for your child to participate in this educational trip, it will be necessary for him/her to have your permission and for you to supply ALL of the required information. Please complete the following and return to school with check or cash on or before Friday, January 14th.

1. My child has permission to participation in the Environmental Education Program at Rock Eagle.

Yes No

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

2. My child is covered by the following insurance policy: *(Please attach a copy of your insurance identification card)*

Policy #: _____

Insurance Company Name: _____

Insurance Company Address:

3. Should the need arise, I give permission for my child to be taken to a doctor or hospital for medical treatment.

Yes No

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

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4. The phone number where I may be reached in case of emergency is:

Phone Number #1: _____

Name #1: _____

Phone Number #2: _____

Name #2: _____

Dismissal Friday, February 25, 2022, between 3:00-4:00 p.m.

I will pick my child up in the cafeteria between 3:00-4:00 p.m.

My child will be picked up by:

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Please fill out the one payment method:

Payment: Amount: \$140

Check#: _____

Cash: _____

Online: _____ (reference number)

To pay online go to: <https://bit.ly/3y8ED5a>

ROCK EAGLE RULES

1. Stay in designated areas.
2. Be on time for all activities.
3. Be on time for meals. After each meal, put trays up and stay outside the cafeteria until the next scheduled activity. Do not climb the trees.
4. Electrical appliances may not be used in the bathrooms. (Use only in bedroom or living room.)
5. Alarms may not be set for earlier than 6:00 a.m.
6. Showers may not be taken after 9:30 p.m. or before 6:00 a.m.
7. Keep cabins clean and your things organized.
8. Don't visit in cabins other than your own except at scheduled times.
9. Turn lights out at 9:30 p.m.
10. Be quiet by 10:00 p.m.
11. Pranks are not allowed.
12. Do not borrow things belonging to someone else without asking them first.
13. Before checking out the last day:
 1. Clean cabin.
 2. Empty all trash.
 3. Strip bed and pillows.
 4. Sweep and dust.
 5. Check and recheck for items you may be leaving behind.
14. Pick up all outside trash around cabin, road, and lake area.

Please sign and return this form by Friday, January 14, to confirm that you and your child have read and understand all Rock Eagle rules.

Student's Signature

Date

Parent's Signature

Date