

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Fossil Rim will be here before we know it (April 4-5, 2019)! That is so exciting!

Permission slips are going out today.

Chaperones: Upon teacher approval. I wish everyone could go, but due to limited space, we have a short list of people who can go. Usually parents with children that have medical issues will be awarded the first spaces.

Please see the following information: We will be traveling TX- 317 N because that is the most direct route.

Departure: We will be leaving by 7:45 a.m. That gives us 30 minutes to load the cars and to use the restrooms. Please make sure your little one has eaten breakfast, because we will not eat again until lunch. If you miss our departure, you will be responsible for getting your child to Fossil Rim. Again, we will be rolling out no later than 7:45 a.m.

Fossil Rim: Classes begin at 10:00 a.m. at Fossil Rim.

April 5, 2019

We will be packing up and leaving Fossil Rim around 9:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m. to head back to St. Mary's.

** Here is a little more info about Fossil Rim.

Fossil Rim: Some info was cut and pasted from Fossil Rim forms.

Address: 2155 CR 2008 Glen Rose, TX 76043

Weather:

The weather can be very unpredictable. Almost all programs are outdoor activities – Rain or Shine! Please come prepared for any weather. In addition, although we plan our hikes to be suitable for all, our trails have some steep spots and the gravelly terrain can make some spots slippery. It is of utmost importance to wear proper shoes for hiking. Flip-Flops should be worn only going to the shower.

Clothing: All girls and boys need to wear the appropriate length shorts (to the knees). No low cut tops or mid-drifts. Students will need tennis shoes or hiking shoes. No flip flops will be allowed on the trails, which means they will have sit out of the camp. There are sharp rocks, cactus, insects, burrs, etc.

Souvenir shop: (optional) There is a souvenir shop. Items are reasonable and all proceeds go to help maintain the ranch. The ranch is not government supported, so they appreciate the business. I would say \$10-\$15 dollars is appropriate for some souvenir items. However, this is optional.

Cost of Camp: The office will have those numbers for you in the next few weeks. The price is usually in the low \$100 range. The cost includes meals, classes, tours, lodging, firewood, showers, etc. If there are any concerns about cost, please contact me.

OVERNIGHT CAMPS: Check-in 10:00 AM; Check-out 9:00 AM day of departure

Items to Bring/Wear: ___ Pillow ___ Items listed above ___ Sleeping Bag ___ Shower Shoes ___ Towel/Washcloth ___ Appropriate Sleep Wear ___ Small Flashlight ___ Toiletries (soap, toothbrush, shampoo, etc.) ___ Sunscreen ___ Insect Repellent ___ Rain Wear ___ Water bottle/Canteen ___ Camera ___ Hiking Shoes ___ Layered Clothing ___ Backpack/Day pack ___ Journal for notes

Facilities: The cabin accommodations are clean and have heat and air conditioning. There are six bunk beds in the main room and one bunk bed in a separate room for a maximum of 14 persons per cabin (two cabins have three bunk beds in the main room and one in each of the three separate rooms). There is a dressing room with a sink and cold running water. There are 2 restroom facilities located down the path from the cabins: male and female. There are multiple sinks and toilets. Showers are private with a dressing room, and have hot and cold water. There must be at least one adult per cabin. Upon arrival, you will fill out a form noting any damages present to the cabins assigned to you to ensure further damage can be billed appropriately.

Meals: The meals are Chef's Choice and include dinner and breakfast. A vegetarian choice can be provided at each meal with notice. If you have any food allergies or other diet restrictions (including vegetarian), please let us know at least two weeks in advance. * There is also going to be a sandwich option for lunch of the day we get there. That will be included on the total cost.

Campfire: Overnight camps include a campfire, unless we are under a burn ban which a staff member will build and tend. You may bring ingredients for s'mores, along with any other snacks and drinks. Please keep all food in your vehicle – no food is allowed in the cabins.

Emergency Contact: A staff member of Fossil Rim Wildlife Center will be staying overnight at the camp. Please do not hesitate to wake them through the night if you have any needs.

Electronics: No electronics allowed. I will collect all students' electronics to include cell phones and return them after the trip. This is part of the experience of the trip. In the case of any emergency I will contact you or you can call me or the camp. Phone numbers will be provided. Also, cell coverage can be a bit difficult out there, so please be patient if you contact me (or chaperones) by cell. Sometimes I have to check from hill tops in order to get any coverage.