

Field trips 2023-2024

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Several activities are still being confirmed and those will be updated as I am able to finalize them with the facility. They are noted in the following pages. If you are interested, sign up and as soon as I have the date and time confirmed, I will send an email to those that signed up. If the date changes and you can no longer attend, we can modify the sign up.

Signup Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4CA9AC29A4F85-field>

2023-2024 Field Trips

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 8th or Wednesday, September 11th

Outdoor field trip

Waiting to hear back from Botanical Gardens and Cahaba River Society. There have been some shortages in volunteers causing the delay. It will only be one of these dates so if you are interested in both, please sign up for both.

Thursday, September 21st 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Southern Environmental Center at Birmingham Southern College
900 Arkadelphia Road, Birmingham AL 35254

\$8 per person for adults and children; Under 5 yrs old free

Weather permitting there will be several walks.

No cell phones allowed during the program; adults are expected to participate.

RSVP: August 31st / Payment due: September 14th

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 11th – 10 am

Cornutt Farms Pumpkin & Sunflower Patch
616 Whitesville Drive; Boaz, AL 35957

Price includes all activities, a pumpkin and sunflower. Activities include: Wagon Ride to the pumpkin patch, petting zoo, bouncy house, barnyard basketball, big truck turbo slide, hay mountain to climb on, playground, farm trains and more.

There are picnic table for those that bring their lunch.

\$10 per person if paying cash / \$11 for card

RSVP: September 30th

Pay on site

Wednesday, October 18th 10 am EST & 12 pm EST for IMAX

Tennessee Aquarium & IMAX show
1 Broad Street, Chattanooga, TN 37402

Child: \$15; Adult \$40.50.

For those that just want their children to attend, we can arrange drop off / pick up.

RSVP: August 15th

Payment due: September 10th – this may not be refundable.

Thursday, October 19th 10 am

Chickamauga National Battlefield
3370 Lafayette Road; Fort Oglethorpe, GA 30742

Ryan Alcaino will be leading our group through the battlefield and giving us a great history lesson on the Battle at Chickamauga. The Chickamauga Battlefield Visitor Center also has museum exhibits on the Battle of Chickamauga and Campaign for Chattanooga, as well as the Fuller Gun Collection. There is a bookstore administered by America's National Parks and an orientation film is shown every half hour.

Price: FREE!

RSVP: October 1st

If you are staying overnight anytime 10/18-10/21, please let me know and I can provide room block information for the TownePlace Suites Hixson; 5248 Highway 153, Hixson, Tennessee 37343.

NOVEMBER

Tuesday, November 7th

Jones Valley Teaching Farm
701 25th Street North; Birmingham AL 35203
All ages 5K – 12th grade. 40 children max.

Cost: \$10 per child; first adult per family is free; additional adult \$15

RSVP / Payment Deadline: October 15th

Wednesday, November 29th 10 am

Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol

Shakespeare Festival
1 Festival Dr, Montgomery, AL 36117

Grades 3rd – 12th

ASF returns to a full production of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol on the Festival Stage. When miserly Ebenezer Scrooge receives an unwanted visit from the ghost of his former business partner on Christmas Eve, an overnight voyage of epic proportions begins. Journey with Scrooge as he learns from his ghosts (and Bob, Tiny Tim, and the Cratchits) a heartwarming lesson in forgiveness and the change we can make around us. This play is a joyful Christmas tradition for the entire family!

Cost: Child \$19; Adult \$24

RSVP / Payment Deadline: September 15th

DECEMBER

Tuesday, December 5th 9:30 am – 2 pm

Ava Maria Grotto & St. Bernard Abbey
1600 St. Bernard Drive; Cullman, AL 35055

Tentative Schedule

9:30 am – 10:30/10:45 Ava Maria Grotto, gift shop, and snack time (bring your own)

11 am – 11:45 am – Talk with Brother Christopher and possibly others

11:55 am – Midday Prayers in the Church

12:15 pm – Lunch at St. Bernard Abbey

1 pm – 2 pm – Talk with Brother Dominic and possibly others

Cost: Grotto (Children 5 and up \$6; under 5 are free; Adults \$8) Lunch \$9 per person. They will accommodate any dietary restrictions or allow lunch to be brought.

RSVP: October 15th

Payment Deadline: November 5th

Thursday, December 14th 10 am

Alabama Ballet – George Balanchine's The Nutcracker
BJCC Concert Hall
2100 Richard Arrington Jr Blvd; Birmingham, AL 35203
Cost \$25 for adults; free for students

RSVP / Payment Deadline: September 30th

JANUARY

Thursday, January 4th 10 am

Wheeler Wildlife Refuge Center
3121 Visitor Center Road; Decatur, AL 35603

Working on guided tour but will depend on if construction is complete. We will do a self-guided tour if that is not possible. This time of year thousands of birds migrate here from Canada. There are 30-40 thousand sandhill cranes, bald eagles, many types of ducks, whooping crane, pelicans. I have been told it is a National Geographic level experience of birds.

Cost: Free

RSVP: November 15th

Friday, January 19th 9 am to noon

Southern Museum of Flight
4343 73rd St N, Birmingham, AL 35206

Guided tour of museum, multiple activities, and the flight simulator (3rd grade and up). They have an area for us to have lunch for anyone who would like to bring their lunch.

Cost: Child \$7; If doing the simulator \$10; Adult \$5

RSVP / Payment: December 1st

Tuesday, January 30th 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Jones Valley Teaching Farm Culinary Experience
701 25th Street North; Birmingham AL 35203
Ages 6th – 12th grade. 40 children max.

Cost: \$10 per child; first adult per family is free; additional adult \$15

RSVP: December 1st

Payment Deadline: December 15th

FEBRUARY

Wednesday, February 7th 9:30 am – 11:00 am

Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Tour
700 Hyundai Blvd; Montgomery, AL 36105

Ages 6 and up. Max of 16 people.
Cost: FREE!

RSVP: January 5th

Friday, February 9th 9:30 am – 11:00 am

Hyundai Motor Manufacturing Tour
700 Hyundai Blvd; Montgomery, AL 36105

Ages 6 and up. Max of 16 people.
Cost: FREE!

RSVP: January 5th

Wednesday, February 21st 9:00 am (time and date to be confirmed)

Vulcan Park & Museum
1701 Valley View Dr, Birmingham, AL 35209

Cost: \$6-\$8 per person. Will have this finalized soon.

Tour the museum

RSVP & Payment: January 5th

MARCH

Friday, March 8th 9 am (Time and date to be confirmed this week.)

U.S. Space & Rocket Center
One Tranquility Base
Huntsville, AL 35805

Activities include: Davidson Center for Space Exploration, Featured Exhibition, ISS: Science on Orbit, Rocket Park, Military Park, Shuttle Park, G-Force Accelerator, Moon Shot, INTUITIVE Planetarium
Pack a lunch to eat at the picnic tables.

Cost: Child \$24; Adult \$29

RSVP: December 31st

Payment: January 31st

Monday, March 18th 9:30 am (Time and date to be confirmed.)

Oak Mountain State Park
200 Terrace Dr, Pelham, AL 35124

We will have a field trip where we get to see the Boynton Oaks which are a very rare species of oaks. We will also have a Lesson on the Longleaf: Long Leaf Pines & Gopher Tortoise Encounter.

What is Alabama's State Tree? The Long Leaf Pine of course! Learn about the importance of this amazing tree while standing beneath them. Students will get an immersive experience listening to the natural history of Long Leaf Pines, the importance of Rx Fire, and meet the endangered Gopher Tortoise that calls the Long Leaf habitats home.

Bring a lunch for afterwards if you would like. Everyone can stay as long as they like.

Cost \$12 per child. Does not include gate fee at the park.

RSVP: February 1st

Payment deadline: March 1st

APRIL

Early / mid April

4-H School Overnight Adventure

Monica Duvall is heading this up and will be providing more information soon. ***The signup has a date and time. Please ignore this and sign up if interested in receiving details on this activity.***

Early / mid April – waiting for 4H School dates to plan

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Botanical Gardens

Tropical Rain Forest (1st-6th grade)

- Explore various plants in a tropical rain forest that give us chocolate, coffee, lemons, bananas, pineapple, and cinnamon.
- Describe six different plant adaptations in a tropical rain forest and locate each in the Botanical Gardens' Conservatory.
- Associate plant products with their sources.
- Describe the benefit of plants in our daily lives (food, medicine, oxygen producer).

Cost: Free

RSVP: March 15th

Friday, April 19th 9:00 am to 12:00 pm

Tannehill State Park

12632 Confederate Parkway,

McCalla, AL 35111

Activities include: Museum, Hay Ride / Gristmill, Furnace, Cane Creek, Fowler

Lunch after activities wrap up. Families are welcome to stay and hike / ride bikes, etc. The Ice Cream Shop opens at 4 pm.

Cost \$6 per person

RSVP / Payment: March 1st

Friday, April 26th (TBD – Dates and pricing has not been released) 10 am to 5 pm

Six Flags Over Georgia

Approximate Cost: \$32 per person (Additional \$25 parking per vehicle)

Ride all the rides without the lines. The kiddie area is not open. Lunch is not included or allowed to be brought in. Water bottles are allowed.

Payment / RSVP: March 1st

MAY

Friday, May 17th 9 am to 2 pm (may end by noon)

Field Day

Veteran's Park

4800 Valleydale Rd, Meadowbrook, AL 35242

Cost: \$2 per child participating

RSVP / Payment Deadline: April 15th