



City of Kingston Parks and Recreation

Environmental Education Program

2019-2020 Registration Information

FNC Self Guided Tour



FAST FACTS:

What: FNC Self Guided Tour

When: To be Determined with Educator

Where: Forsyth Nature Center

Who: Grades prek-2

Cost: Fees are waived for programs held in 2019-2020 for Ulster County Schools.

Support from: Office of Children and Family Services, and the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation

Description

(Note: This program is different than the full day FNC Zoology Program designed for grades prek-2).

MOO, BAA, OINK, COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO, RIBBIT, SSSSSS, GULP!, Come and see, hear, smell, and feel (leave the tasting up to the animals!) the great variety of animals at the Forsyth Nature Center. This program is designed for self-guided exploration of sights and sounds of animals that you might see on a farm, as a pet, or in the wild. The group will explore the FNC on their own, with no guide. If you wish to have a guided program, please indicate during registration.

Upon registration, teachers will be sent an FNC Self-Guided Tour Packet as an electronic pdf. This will provide an enhanced self-guided opportunity for the group's visit. Groups are welcome to bring food to feed the animals at the Nature Center (carrots, apples, lettuce, spinach, or plain air popped popcorn are the only foods permitted). There are also feed machines which accept quarters on site.

Classes are welcome to stay for a lunch break at the Forsyth Nature Center Gazebo. There is a Carry-In, Carry-Out Policy with all trash. There is also a large wooden playground in Forsyth Park, as well as a nature trail and a large playing field which groups can use. The entire property is located outdoors, with no indoor option. Porto-potties will be available.

Adult chaperones are welcome and encouraged. We require a minimum of 2 adults to attend with the class, and a minimum of a 12 to 1 ratio of students to adults. Adult chaperones should meet at the Forsyth Nature Center if not travelling with the students. Adults should definitely come prepared to be hands on and engaged.



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Transportation is NOT AVAILABLE for the FNC Self Guided Tour. Any group that is registering for the FNC Self Guided Tour will need to provide their own transportation to and from the Forsyth Nature Center. Directions can be found at www.forsythnaturecenter.org. Any buses must enter from Deitz Stadium and may park there for the duration of the stay. There is not sufficient turn around space from the Lucas Avenue entrance for a full size bus.

An appropriate code of conduct is expected from each visitor:

- Classroom teachers will be present for entire visit
- All discipline issues will be addressed by classroom teachers
- Any student or chaperone who is disrupting the visit may be asked to leave
- Safety is of utmost priority

If you need to cancel for any reason, please call the Recreation Department as soon as possible at 481-7336 (KC Keegan-Twombly's Extension). Registration is required to reserve a time slot for this program.

If there are any questions, concerns or changes, the teacher should contact:

KC Keegan-Twombly

Environmental Educator at Kingston Parks and Recreation

845-481-7336

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