

Celebration Park Archaeology Field Trip Teacher Information

- ***How will our day be structured?***

The Celebration Park field trip experience includes four concurrent programs. We usually run 2 programs before lunch and 2 programs after lunch. The programs include: discussion of ancient Indian lifeways, a petroglyph hike, atlatl range instruction, and a tour of the Historic Guffey Bridge. ***Please split your students into 4 groups of approximately equal sizes before the field trip so that we can fit them into our program rotation!*** (Note that we occasionally divide smaller schools into just one or 2 groups depending on staffing availability).
- ***When should we arrive at Celebration Park?***

The earlier the better! To benefit fully from the field trip experience, it's ideal for you to have 3-1/2 to 4 hours in the Park. We recognize that the mode of transportation used by schools may dictate your arrival and departure times but we encourage you to arrive as close to 9:30 a.m. as possible. Our staff and our programs are very flexible. We will accommodate your schedule and the time that you have and strive to provide the best programs within your time frame.
- ***How should I prepare my students for their day at the Park?***

Facilities—We have modern restrooms, picnic tables and a drinking fountain; however it's always a good idea to have the kids bring their own water bottle, particularly on very warm days.

Clothing—The temperatures at Celebration Park can vary by several degrees from urban areas, and weather changes can happen quickly. A light jacket or sweater may be appropriate if your field trip is scheduled in early spring or late fall. Hats and/or sunscreen might be a good idea for the late spring or early fall field trips. Keep an eye on the weather forecasts as your field trip day approaches and have the kids prepared. Always feel free to give us a call for any questions you might have!

Safety—Much like at your school, we have some rules at Celebration Park that are intended to keep the kids safe. We want everyone to enjoy their field trip and have a great outdoor experience. Our Interpretive Specialists will begin each program with just a few safety rules and guidelines.

Chaperones—Our Interpretive Specialists are accustomed to leading field trip programs for a variety of group sizes and grade levels of students. If possible, we request that schools bring at least one adult chaperone per every 10-20 students.
- ***Can you give us directions to the Park?***

The enclosed map should assist you in finding your way to the Park. Be sure to share it with your bus driver(s) and parent chaperones. Parents who are driving their own vehicles should also be alerted NOT to follow the directions from Mapquest, Google, or their own GPS. Those directions are driven by our address on Victory Lane which is an unimproved road into the Park!

- *Additional Resources regarding stewardship of Celebration Park and the area:*
 - **Archaeological Site Rules and Historic Preservation**
 - <http://www.nps.gov/petr/learn/historyculture/takecare.htm>
 - <https://www.fs.usda.gov/lei/archeological-resources-protection.php>
 - <http://www.preservationnation.org/information-center/saving-a-place/public-lands/>
 - **Leave No Trace**
 - <https://lnt.org/our-work/youth-education/youth-educator-library/>
 - <http://www.scouting.org/Home/OutdoorProgram/OutdoorEthics/LeaveNoTrace.aspx>