

Dear Parents:

On October 29th your child's class will be visiting the Nature's Classroom in Mentone, Alabama. This will be a new experience for everyone. This trip is part of our study of the insects and mammals that we have been learning in class.

**COST:** Admission: \$25 (ALL HAVE PAID) and adults are free

**TIME:** 6:55 and begin getting into the cars. We will pull out of the parking lot at 7:00. If you are late, you will need to bring your child to Nature's Classroom. You will need to call 1.800.995.4769 for directions. I need chaperones ready for "pile up" at 6:50.

**RETURN:** Around 3:30 (leave Mentone around 2:30)

I HAVE 5 ADULTS GOING. THIS IS GREAT.

Carpooling volunteers are

Mrs. Waid	Mrs. Littlejohn
Mrs. Swafford	Mrs. Martin
Mrs. Holman	Gemma
Ryleigh	Macy
Attison	Wade
Chloe	Ana
Emma	Tori

**CLOTHING: Please have your child dress for the weather.** At the Nature's Classroom, many of the activities are outdoors on grass and dirt paths. Good footwear and protective clothing are a must. Clothing should be appropriate for outdoor activities regardless of the season or weather. Old clothes are highly recommended. Sturdy shoes or hiking boots (closed toe shoes), socks, long pants or jeans, long or short sleeve shirts (you decide), light jacket, sweatshirt, or sweater

LOTS OF LAYERS ARE RECOMMENDED

Rain gear (poncho/coat, pants, and shoes) if rain is in the forecast

BACKPACK

**FOOD:** Send your child with a SMALL BACKPACK OR DRAW STRING BACKPACK SO YOU CAN CARRY your SACK LUNCH, TWO SNACKS, DRINK, and WATER BOTTLE. **NO HARD COOLERS.** It is important for your child to eat a good breakfast before the trip. We will NOT stop and eat on the way to the Nature's Classroom. He or she will be very active on the hike and will need the "fuel" to make it until the lunch break. Also, we will NOT stop and eat on the way back to the school.

**MEDICAL INFORMATION:** You filled out the forms for the field trips and all information has been mailed.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** iPods, MP3 players, cell phones, games and other devices are not allowed during programming at the Nature's Classroom. Students may bring cameras and take still pictures. If I see texting or playing any app during the programming time, I will take up the electronic. This shows disrespect to those interacting with you.

**SOUVENIRS:** The Gift Shop at the Nature's Classroom has many small science items, books, and reasonably priced souvenirs if you wish to send your child with additional money, but I do not know if we will have time to shop.

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR TRIP



- \*FIELD TRIP SHIRT
- \*A SACK LUNCH (OR small insulated cooler you can carry in your backpack)
- \*A DRINK or 2 (water)
- \*A SNACK (to eat before loading up to leave)
- \*MONEY FOR THE GIFT SHOP (if we have time to shop)
- \*A JACKET
- \*CLOSED-TOE SHOES/HIKING BOOTS
- \*PONCHO (Unless there is lightning and thunder, the field trip will be a “go”.)
- \*BACKPACK

NO HARD COOLERS

NO ELECTRONIC GAMES, IPODS, KNIVES, WEAPONS, ETC.

THEY ARE NOT LIABLE FOR ITEMS LOST OR PRESUMED STOLEN.

We are looking forward to a wonderful learning experience and a great time!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Swafford