

# FAQ

## GRCA Nature Centre School Programs

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### **How many students can I bring?**

Our limit is a maximum of 30 students per program. If the total number of students exceeds 30, please book an additional program.

### **Should I divide the class into groups?**

We recommend you have as many groups as volunteers coming. Many activities are best done in small groups. Group sizes will be discussed during preplanning.

### **How many adult volunteers do I need?**

Teachers must adhere to school board ratios for field trips. The nature interpreter cannot be included in the adult to student ratio. Some specialized programs will require additional adult volunteers. Minimum numbers of adult volunteers will be provided with the pre-plan information.

Please provide the volunteers with as much information about the trip as possible. Outline specific responsibilities which you may have for them. If possible, give them the list of students in their group. Have them help you with lunch supervision.

### **How long is the program?**

A half-day program is 1½ - 2 hours two hours long: morning programs are between 9:00 a.m. & 11:45 a.m. afternoon program are between 12:30 and 3:00 p.m.

Full day programs can be booked any time between 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. Typically 9:20 – 2:30.

### **What time should the bus drop off and pick up my class?**

Our staff will accommodate the school within the above noted hours. Please indicate your approximate

arrival and departure times when you request a booking.

### **Our snack break falls in the middle of the program.**

#### **Will there be time allocated for a snack?**

It is recommended that snacks be something simple and healthy that can be eaten on the go - like apples or granola bars. Students should bring their own water. No peanut or nut products, please.

### **Can I stay for lunch?**

Unfortunately half day programs cannot be accommodated for lunch. If you are staying for a full day we recommend litter less lunches.

### **What should we wear?**

We will be outdoors rain or shine. All participants (teachers and volunteers too) must be dressed for the weather of the day. Please ensure your students wear closed toe shoes and have refillable water bottles for hydration.

#### *Dressing for cold/wet weather:*

- sweater and wind proof coat; dress in layers
- rain coat with a hood
- waterproof footwear and warm socks
- hats, mitts and scarves
- ski suit and/or snow pants

#### *Dressing for hot weather:*

- hat and light-coloured clothing
- close toed shoes