

**2016**

**Environmental Field Trips  
At Cane Creek Park**



**"Children the world over have a right to a childhood filled with beauty, joy, adventure, and companionship. They will grow toward ecological literacy if the soil they are nurtured in is rich with experience, love, and good examples." -Alan Dyer**

## Dear Teachers,

We're so glad you're considering a visit to Cane Creek Park. We have a wide variety of environmental field trips for students, including high-quality field trips to Cane Creek Park and engaging classroom presentations at your location.

Our facilities include an outdoor classroom and shelters that can be used for picnics during your trip. We are the perfect spot for exploring the outdoors, with over 1000 acres of woodlands and aquatic habitats.

If your class is unable to travel to Cane Creek Park, we also offer our Nature in the Classroom Program so that children can interact with nature at your location.

Completed forms can be sent by mail, fax or email. Please see the registration from within this brochure. Be sure to let us know if you have thoughts or questions – we look forward to working with you and your school group.

## ABOUT CANE CREEK PARK

Cane Creek Park is a family oriented, water based recreation facility encompassing 1,050 acres of land surrounding a 350 acre lake. This makes a naturally scenic environment for a variety of outdoor activities and educational experiences. We encourage continued family visits by providing every field trip participant with a free entrance pass to use in the future.

## General Information

During Field Trips, participants will take part in a hands-on environmental experience. Modifications will be made to the curriculum to fit the needs of your age group from preschool to college aged participants. Staff strictly adheres to the group and age limits set for each field trip as well as the chaperone requirements. Field Trips are only available on Wednesday's, Thursday's and Friday's. A two-week advanced notice is required so that we can properly prepare for your group.

### Special Needs Groups

Groups with special needs can also benefit from our field trips or have our Nature in the Classroom Program come to you. Call or email us for more details.



# Field Trip Options

Name	Length (Hours)	Max Number of Participants	Ages
Exploring Nature	1.5	25	5 and up
Fishing 101	2	10	8 and up
Survival Made Easy	1.5	10	5 and up
Nature Play	1.5	20	3-12
Nature in the Classroom	1 Hour Maximum	No Maximum	Any

Cane Creek Park offers 5 different field trips for groups. The descriptions below will help you find the program that works best for your group. All field trips are led by Cane Creek Park's staff of knowledgeable rangers and specialists.

- Registration forms must be received at least two week in advance.
- To register for a field trip, complete and return the appropriate form at the end of this brochure.
- For more information, call Lindsey Fowler at 704-843-3919 ext. 23 or email at [lindseyfowler@unioncountync.gov](mailto:lindseyfowler@unioncountync.gov)

Exploring Nature- Staff will provide an age appropriate nature hike on our Education Trail followed by a hands-on presentation of our nature exhibit which includes various examples of animals, plants, and habitats in our area. **(One Chaperone Required, 25 Person Maximum)**

Fishing 101- Participants will be taught basic fishing techniques, learn about the species that are in Cane Creek Lake, and get to fish for the remainder of the time. A NC Fishing License is required for anyone over 16 and those can be purchased on-site. **(Two Chaperones Required, 10 Person Maximum)**

Survival Made Easy- Staff will teach one of four basic survival techniques to include making a shelter, creating a solar still, creating fire using a water bottle, and how to make cordage from cedar bark. The skills taught will depend on weather and available resources. **(One Chaperone Required, 10 Person Maximum)**

Nature Play- Staff will begin by playing a nature inspired game with your group and then present a hands-on lesson with our nature exhibit which includes various examples of animals, plants, and habitats in our area followed by an age appropriate activity. **(Two Chaperones Required, 20 Person Maximum)**

Nature in the Classroom- We will bring our mobile recreation unit and traveling nature exhibit to your location and provide a hands-on lesson with our nature exhibit which includes various examples of animals, plants, and habitats in our area.

# Field Trip Registration Form

Group/School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Requested: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Dates: \_\_\_\_\_

Time Requested For Cane Creek Park Trips:      10:00 am Start Time      1:00 pm Start Time

Time Requested for Nature in the Classroom Trips: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Participants: \_\_\_\_\_ Age Range: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Please choose the field trip desired:

Discovering Nature

Nature Play

Weather

Fishing 101

Survival Made Easy

Nature in the Classroom

Check here if you would like a picnic shelter reserved for your group for lunch

Please list any special needs that your group may have:

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Return completed form to [lindseyfowler@unioncountync.gov](mailto:lindseyfowler@unioncountync.gov), fax to 704-843-4046,

or Mail to: 5213 Harkey Road, Waxhaw, NC 28173