

River Explorer

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Frequently Asked Questions

How does the trip scheduling process work?

Teachers and group leaders apply by filling out and submitting the scheduling application as early as possible. When we receive your application we will schedule you for a specific date and then mail you a confirmation letter with more information about the program, location, times, and directions. If any of your plans or needs change before the confirmation letter is received, feel free to contact us and we will do our best to accommodate you.

When are the application deadlines?

There are no deadlines; however, most dates are booked months in advance and are filled on a first-come first-served basis. We recommend applying for dates as far in advance as possible.

How do I know which learning stations are right for my class/group?

Our program is very flexible and activities are designed to be appealing to all types of groups. If you are unsure about our activities and which elective will be best for your class, give us a call and we can discuss your options. All lessons will develop scientific skills and most will have math, geography, reading, writing, and art components.

What if I don't see a location listed that I am interested in?

We are constantly looking for additional sites that are close to school groups and can accommodate our program needs. Let us know if you've got a new one for us to consider.

What if my class is larger than the maximum number allowed for a program?

For our program to be most effective, we suggest a group size of 60 students. However, if you need to bring more than 60 students, you have two options:

1. Request a trip for up to 120 students on the same date; however, only a few sites can accommodate such a request.
2. Request the program on multiple days. Please let us know on the application if you would like your trips to be consecutive, spread out, or scheduled in any particular manner.

Who leads the programs?

Our field staff has many different backgrounds. Many of them are past or current educators, some of them are scientists, professionals, or naturalists, and all of them love our programs and working with students.

I am interested in something not described on your website? Do you provide any other programs?

We are always considering new programs and activities. Give us a call and let us know what you are interested in.