

Registration Checklist

Please have this information ready before you call:

- ___ Name of your school/group
- ___ Name of the contact person
- ___ Name of the teacher(s) (if different from contact)
- ___ School mailing address
- ___ Email address
- ___ School phone number
- ___ Home phone number of contact person
- ___ Program title/topic
- ___ Date*
- ___ Alternate date*
- ___ Arrival time
- ___ Program starting time
- ___ Length of program
- ___ Departure time
- ___ Number of students
- ___ Number of adult chaperones
- ___ Age/grade of students
- ___ Transportation: car/bus
- ___ Special needs or requests

Optional: Will you be eating lunch in the park?

- ___ Students will bring lunch
- ___ We will pre-order lunch (available at Farmpark only)

**Farmpark is closed Mondays during January, February and March, except Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Presidents' Day.*

Education Services

- Most Lake Metroparks facilities are wheelchair accessible and maintain first aid stations. Sign interpreters can be scheduled with a minimum two-week advance notice. TTY is available at 440-358-7275.
- Scholarships are available to groups with financial need; please inquire when you call for a reservation.
- Pre-visit sessions at your school are available for Renewable Energy program; call Farmpark for details.
- Teacher guides complement most programs with pre- and post-visit activities, background information and a listing of how the program aligns with Ohio's Academic Content Standards.
- Custom program packages can be created for year-round, multi-visit programs or grant projects. Lake Metroparks' staff collaborates with area teachers to develop customized programs that make full use of our facilities' potential to reinforce concepts and skills in science, language arts, history, math, nutrition or art in themed units on farming, nature, recreation, physical education, health or related topics.
- Invite us to your next staff meeting for a 15-minute presentation on Lake Metroparks education or recreation programs.

Gift Shops & Lunch Options

Take home a souvenir! A wide variety of nature and farm themed books, gifts and educational items are available to enhance your educational visits.

- The Nature Store at Penitentiary Glen Nature Center is open daily.
- Farmpark's Gift Shop is open daily 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Pre-ordered lunches are available at Farmpark only. Student lunches are available from J&J Cafe at Farmpark. Choose a hot or cold lunch. Cost is between \$3 and \$5.50 per student lunch. Lunches must be ordered at least two weeks in advance. Call 440-256-3802 or 440-251-7890 for a lunch and/or snack menu and to place an order. Payment is made directly to J&J Cafe.

Professional Development

- Lake Metroparks offers professional development opportunities, many in cooperation with Lake Erie College or NEOEA. These weekend and summer workshops enhance educator knowledge and understanding of science, social studies and math and are aligned with Ohio's Academic Content Standards.
- Lake Metroparks staff members are trained as facilitators in a variety of national workshop curricula including Project WILD, Project WET, Habitats for Learning, Leopold Education Project, Science and Civics: Sustaining Wildlife, Harvest A to Z, Food, Land and People, Project Learning Tree and Project Wild Aquatic.
- Workshop content varies and has included astronomy (with StarLab portable planetarium), streams and wetlands, habitats, interdependence, ecosystems, geology, renewable energy, plants, animals and nutrition. Graduate credit and certificates of participation are available.
- We welcome the opportunity to work with professional development committees to develop and present workshops to fulfill teacher certification requirements. To schedule an in-service or receive information on upcoming professional development opportunities, call 440-358-7275.

Scout Programs

Lake Metroparks offers a wide variety of programs designed to meet scout recognition requirements for girls and boys of all ages. Programs are available at several locations. For more information or to request a scout brochure, call 440-256-3808 or download a copy at lakemetroparks.com.