

# Dover Bethany ELC

## Summer Program Field Trip Information

Thank you for signing your child up for this year's DBELC summer program. The teachers and I are very excited about the field trips and fun activities we have planned for this summer. Here, you will find all of the necessary information to ensure your child's enjoyment and safety during field trips. Please let us know if your family or your child has any special needs that we can assist you with.

Below is a list of the field trips we have planned for this summer:

Field Trip Location	Date of trip	Departure Time	Return Time
* Monkey Joe's & Lower Allen Park	5/31/2017	8:45 am	3:30 pm
* Sky Zone & Adventure Park	6/07/2017	8:30 am	3:30 pm
Laser Alleys Bowling Center & Laser Tag	6/16/2017	11:45 pm	3:15 pm
Lancaster Science Factory & Long's Park	6/21/2017	8:30 am	3:30 pm
Indian Echo Caverns	6/28/2017	8:30 am	3:30 pm
* Richard Nixon Park	7/5/2017	9:00 am	3:15 pm
Laser Alleys Bowling Center & Laser Tag	7/7/2017	11:45 pm	3:15 pm
* Fairmount Park & Splash Zone	7/12/2017	9:00 am	3:00 pm
* Mr. Q's Family Skate Park	7/19/2017	12:00 pm	4:00 pm
* Rocky Ridge Park	7/26/2017	8:45 am	3:00 pm
* Cousler Park	8/2/2017	9:15 am	3:00 pm
* Hopewell Area Recreation Complex	8/9/2017	9:00 am	3:00 pm
* Lake Tobias Wildlife Park	8/16/2017	8:30 am	4:00 pm

Yellow highlight signifies a School-Aged students only trip

\* Signifies trips that Older Toddlers' Class will be attending

We just have a few reminders for field trip season:

- Ⓢ All children ages 3 and over (who are potty trained) are eligible to attend field trips, although participation is not required for children in the older toddler, preschool, and pre-kindergarten classes. If you would prefer that your child not attend field trips, he or she will be offered alternative activities at the center. School agers are required to attend field trips. Field trips are scheduled for Wednesday of each week, except for June 14<sup>th</sup>. Vacation Bible School will be held that week (this year's theme is "Hallelujah Hoedown"). School-agers have two additional field trips scheduled on a Friday in June and July.

- Ⓢ In order for your child to attend field trips, I must have the following:
  - The summer class-appropriate field trip fee. You may pay this fee in a lump sum or two smaller installments (due on May 30<sup>th</sup> and July 3<sup>rd</sup>).

Classroom	Field Trip Fee	Installments
Older Toddlers	\$80	\$40
Pres/Pre-K	\$135	\$67.50
School-Age	\$150	\$75

- Ⓢ This payment includes a DBELC t-shirt, transportation, and admission to all field trips (school-agers also receive a cinch bag).
- Ⓢ This is a flat fee and is not dependent on your child's attendance or schedule. There is no per field trip fee.
- A completed and signed field trip permission form, returned to me by May 30th.
- An up-to-date emergency contact information form and health report completed by your child's doctor, listing all medical conditions and allergies.
- Ⓢ On field trip days, we request that all children wear the DBELC summer camp shirt.
- Ⓢ All children must wear sneakers and weather appropriate attire on field trip days. Absolutely no flip flops or open-toed shoes will be acceptable! If your child is wearing sandals, flip flops, or other open-toed shoes or is not dressed appropriately for the weather on a field trip day, he or she may be required to stay behind. Water shoes or waterproof shoes are acceptable for days that include water.
- Ⓢ We request that sunscreen be applied at home before arriving at the center on field trip day. We do take sunscreen with us on field trips and reapply it throughout the day
- Ⓢ Your child must arrive on time the day of a field trip. The departure time is listed above. We are usually on a tight schedule and cannot wait for a child who has not arrived.
- Ⓢ Return times are estimated. Situations like potty emergencies and traffic cannot be accounted for. Although our return times do include some leeway, there may be days when we return later than the scheduled time. I will keep on-site staff up-to-date on our progress so they may communicate with you.
- Ⓢ Lunches will be supplied. Field trip menus will be posted with each week's regular menu. If you would like to pack a lunch for your child, you are permitted to do so. Be sure to communicate with Ms. Barb that your child will be packing the day before the scheduled trip; please provide your child's packed lunch to Ms. Barb the morning of the field trip. Please label your child's lunch with your child's name.
- Ⓢ Parent chaperones are welcomed to certain attend field trips (listed on the parent participation form). Bus seats are limited and on some trips will require that chaperones drive separately. If you are signing up to attend a field trip as a chaperone, please be aware that you may be asked to assist your child's teacher or the children. If you would like to attend a field trip, there will be a form provided to fill out and return to me.
- Ⓢ We want every child to have as much fun as possible this summer, but if a child's behavior demonstrates serious concern about his/her safety or the safety of the other children during a trip (such as aggressive behaviors or consistent noncompliance with teachers), your child may not be permitted to attend a field trip. With input from classroom teachers, only the director is authorized to make final decisions about a child's attendance on field trips.
- Ⓢ We request that you do not provide your child with spending money for field trips.
- Ⓢ We will maintain ratio and supervision policies on field trips. Attendance will be taken regularly and teachers will be assigned specific groups of children who they will be responsible for supervising throughout the trip.
- Ⓢ If you have any questions or concerns about our summer programs or field trips, please contact me!
- Ⓢ If you will not be attending a field trip or will be on vacation, please inform your child's teacher(s) as soon as possible.

We are all looking forward to a fun-filled and adventurous summer with you!