



## 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. We hope all the children are equally excited! 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.

A list of the field trips we have planned for this summer for each age group is listed below:

School Age Field Trip Schedule	
Field Trip Location	Date of trip
Laser Alleys Bowling Center & Laser Tag	6/8/2018
Sky Zone & Adventure Park	6/13/2018
Brookside Park	6/27/2018
Richard Nixon Park	7/3/2018
Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre (Seussical)	7/6/2018
Zoo America and Chocolate World	7/11/2018
Fairmount Park & Splash Zone	7/18/2018
Laser Alleys Bowling Center & Laser Tag	7/23/2018
Rocky Ridge Park	8/1/2018
Indian Echo Caverns	8/8/2018
Mr. Q's Family Skate Park	8/15/2018
Pre-Kindergarten Field Trip Schedule	
Sky Zone & Adventure Park	6/13/2018
Brookside Park	6/27/2018
Richard Nixon Park	7/3/2018
Zoo America & Chocolate World	7/11/2018
Fairmount Park & Splash Zone	7/18/2018
Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre (Seussical)	7/27/2018
Rocky Ridge Park	8/1/2018
Indian Echo Caverns	8/8/2018
Mr. Q's Family Skate Park	8/15/2018
Preschool & Toddler Field Trip Schedule	
Sky Zone & Adventure Park	6/14/2018
Cousler Park	6/28/2018
Zoo America & Chocolate World	7/11/2018
Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre	7/27/2018
Tumbletown & Springettsburg Park	8/8/2018

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. But, if you enroll your child in the summer field trip program, your child must attend the field trip for that day if he or she attends care. School agers are required to attend field trips.
- Ⓢ Most field trips are scheduled for Wednesdays of each week, although some field trips are scheduled for other days of the week (please be sure to check the weekly schedule).
- Ⓢ 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 June 1<sup>st</sup> and July 2<sup>nd</sup>).

Classroom	Field Trip Fee	Installments
Toddlers/Pres	\$130	\$65
Pre-Kindergarten	\$140	\$70
School-Age	\$150	\$75

- Ⓢ This payment includes a DBELC t-shirt and water bottle, transportation, and admission to all field trips
  - Ⓢ 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 June 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - An up-to-date emergency contact information form and health report completed by your child's doctor, listing all medical conditions and allergies.
- Ⓢ For children attending the Brookside Park field trip: to save funds we did not schedule a bus to transport us to Brookside Park on our scheduled field trip day. We are asking that all students be dropped off and picked up at Brookside Park that day between the hours of 8:00 am and 6:00 pm. Children will spend the entire day at the park playing, exploring the creek, and taking nature walks. Breakfast, lunch, and a snack will be provided at the park. If your schedule does not allow you to do this, please contact the director to make alternative plans.
  - Ⓢ For children attending the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre field trip: a kid-friendly lunch buffet will be provided to all attendees. All attendees are asked to "dress up" in their best that day.
  - Ⓢ If you have not done so already, please provide Trish with your email address. There is a spot on the emergency contact form to provide your email address, but you can also email Trish at [childcare@dbumc.org](mailto:childcare@dbumc.org). We do send out important field trip information, instructions, and reminders throughout the summer.
  - Ⓢ On field trip days, we request that all children wear the DBELC summer camp shirt and weather appropriate clothing. Please check out the weather report for field trip days and dress your child accordingly.
  - Ⓢ 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 attend certain trips. If you are signing up to attend a field trip as a chaperone, please be aware that you will have to pay the transportation fee and field trip entrance fee. You also 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. A child who brings spending money to a field trip will not be permitted to spend the money.
- Ⓟ 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. All teachers carry a first aid kit on field trips, as well as emergency and medical information for all children in her group. If you have any medical or safety concerns about your child attending a field trip, please communicate that concern with your child's teacher(s) or the center director.
- Ⓟ Children enrolled to attend field trips must attend trips on scheduled days; children signed up to attend field trips cannot choose to not attend a field trip or remain at the center on a day a field trip is scheduled.
- Ⓟ 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!