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Natural Resources Field Trip

Inviting all 4th and 5th Grade Classrooms

April 27 - May 1, 2020, Bunker Hills Regional Park, Andover

Field Trip Objectives

- Provides a fun environmental experience in a natural, outdoor setting.
- Includes information about Minnesota habitat and wildlife at different stations out in nature.
- Educational topics may include: birds, honey bees, animals, plants, trees, recycling, fish families, reptiles, animal skulls and skeletons, wildlife control and more.
- If time allows, classes may participate in up to 12 stations.



Schedule For the Day

- **Schools arrive** at the site by **9:45 a.m.** If your school plans to be late, please notify our office ahead of time.
- Each class will be assigned to a teaching station located in the park.
- Classes will rotate to a different station with a half-hour lunch break at noon. Students must plan to **carry their lunch with them.**
- There is no guarantee that your class will be able to visit each station.
- The last session ends at 2:30 p.m. **Note:** Your school may leave at whatever time necessary, so that the buses arrive back at your school on time.
- Schools will receive more information prior to field trip dates.



Comments from schools who have participated

"Students liked all the great information that was shared. Hands-on experiences were great!"

"I liked the general information provided about each potential learning station to share with students prior to our trip."

"Most students really enjoyed this experience and stayed engaged. The stations were short to hold their attention."

"We always have good experiences with this field trip. It's a good time of learning."

The Natural Resources Field Trip is coordinated by Anoka County 4-H and funded by Ag Preserves and student fees. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Jy Xiong, 4-H Program Coordinator, at xion0264@umn.edu or Kim Ferguson, Support Staff, at fergu029@umn.edu.



Field Trip Content Supports K-12 Academic Standards

The educators/stations at NRF will cover concepts related to the National Science Education Standards (NSES) and more specifically Science as Inquiry, Life Science, and Science in Personal and Social Perspectives.

Our core sessions will focus on the following Standards and Concepts:

- Science as Inquiry:** Abilities necessary to do Scientific Inquiry
- Life Science:** Populations and ecosystems; Organisms and environments; Structure and function; Reproduction and heredity; Regulation and behavior; Diversity and adaptations of organisms.
- Science in Personal and Social Perspectives:** Populations, Resources and environments; Risks and benefits.



Registration Information

- The Natural Resources Field Trip fills quickly. **Registration is on a first come, first serve basis.**
- Send in the registration form below or register for NRF online by visiting: <https://z.umn.edu/NRFreg2020>
- Please plan to have one or two adults, in addition to the teacher, to accompany each class while participating in the field trip. (For classrooms of 25 or more, please contact the office at the point of registration to organize smaller station sizes.)
- Field trip operates **rain or shine**. **Please have students dress accordingly** as it can be wet and/or cold.
- Cost - \$3.50 per student.
- If your school finds that it **must** cancel the day which it has registered, please contact our office as soon as possible and no later than two weeks before the scheduled date.
- Field trip is held at **Bunker Hills Regional Park Campground** located at Hwy 242 & Foley Blvd, Coon Rapids or Bunker Lake Blvd and Sycamore St., Andover. The oak forest, prairies and wetlands provide homes for a diverse group of birds, mammals and reptiles. Friday of the field trip will be held at the park's pavilions and surrounding trails.
- For more information or if disability accommodations are needed, please call the Anoka County Extension Office at 763-324-3495.



2019 REGISTRATION – [Register Online](#) or Return form by January 31 to:

University of Minnesota Extension, Anoka County
550 Bunker Lake Blvd NW, Andover, MN 55304
Fax: 763-324-3325 Email: fergu029@umn.edu

School Name _____

Contact Person _____

Address _____

City _____ ZIP _____

Phone (day) _____

Email _____

Grade Level of participants: 4th or 5th

Number of Classes: _____ Total number of students: _____

Please mark your 1st and 2nd choice:

- Apr 27, Bunker Hills Regional Park, Rustic Campgrounds
- Apr 28, Bunker Hills Regional Park, Rustic Campgrounds
- Apr 29, Bunker Hills Regional Park, Rustic Campgrounds
- Apr 30, Bunker Hills Regional Park, Rustic Campgrounds
- May 1, Bunker Hills Regional Park, Park Pavilions

Bus Departure time from field trip site: _____

Total Payment - \$3.50 per student (payable to Anoka County Extension)

Enclosed

Need invoice mailed