

McDuffie Environmental Education Center

Teacher Tips & Information



Please arrive on time for your program. We recognize last minute situations may occur and ask you give the MEEC a courtesy call at 706-449-7521 if you are running late on the morning of your trip. This allows adjustments to be made prior to your arrival as last minute changes to your activity schedule may impact the effectiveness of the program. If a conflict arises and you must cancel or reschedule, please let the MEEC know as soon as possible so we may reach out to our waiting list if dates become available.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- » Help us keep the MEEC campus clean! Garbage cans are located in the large pavilion and at each activity station. A green recycling tub is located in the large pavilion for empty plastic bottles and aluminum cans.
- » Our butterfly garden is essential to our activities on pollinators. Please DO NOT allow your students to damage the garden or other flower beds by walking in the beds, sitting on the chain fences or picking flowers!
- » Students may have crafts to take home. There is no gift shop, and we encourage students to view, but not remove elements of the natural habitat.



AMENITIES & ACCOMMODATIONS

- » We have a large pavilion that will seat approximately 75 students for lunch. In cooler weather, you may want students to bring towels/blankets so they may sit on the grass out in the sun. If planning to eat lunch at the MEEC, be sure all students, teachers, chaperones and bus drivers bring their own lunches and drinks.
- » There are no vending machines available at the MEEC.
- » Restrooms are located at the large pavilion, the gray comfort station and in the Education building.
- » If you have anyone with special mobility needs, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can provide them with the best possible experience.

TEACHERS & CHAPERONES

- » For each class/small group, the MEEC requires at least one certified educator who will remain with the group at all times in order to monitor student behavior, maintain discipline and assure safety. It is the responsibility of school staffers to maintain appropriate student behavior, not the responsibility of the MEEC staff.
- » Additional chaperones are encouraged to join your class to assist in monitoring students. There is no cost for adults. We request that younger siblings do not attend the field trip as they often create unnecessary disruptions during instruction.
- » Teachers and chaperones should refrain from all cell phone use during activities. Please place phones on silent/vibrate mode. Step completely away from the group should you receive a necessary call.
- » The MEEC staff consists of only two staff members. Schools are limited to bringing only two classes at this time as the center can only accommodate 50 students. Please contact the MEEC for further information.



RECOMMENDED ATTIRE

For your comfort and safety, wear weather/outdoor appropriate clothing, including closed-toe shoes. Lunch and most activities are held outside. In cooler weather, please encourage all students to bring coats. Temperatures can vary significantly from forecasts due to wind chill, clouds and time of day.