

METRO PARKS' GROUP PROGRAMS

Educational Programs for Schools and Groups

Free educational programs are offered throughout the year for groups of 15 or more children or adults with varying interests and ability levels. Most programming takes place outdoors to allow your group to experience nature by seeing a variety of plants and animals while exploring fields, forests, ponds and gardens. Programs can be adapted for a group's special needs and interests and to support the Ohio Education Standards. When you contact Metro Parks to schedule your program, the education staff will work with you to choose a topic that best meets your needs, and to help you choose an appropriate time frame with consideration to subject matter and program location.

Tram Programs are offered at certain parks during the months of April through October. The tram is handicap accessible. As you ride on the tram you will learn about the park's natural and cultural features with a Metro Parks' educator as your guide.

Scout Day Events are offered periodically throughout the year for Girl and Cub Scouts. During these events, scout groups or individual scouts can work toward achieving specific requirements. Scout Day Event schedules and topics are advertised through Metro Parks' various media outlets during each school year. If you have a request that cannot be met by attending a Scout Day Event, contact the Metro Park you would like to visit to learn about programs for individual groups.

Programming at Your Site

Metro Parks can take educational programs to your site for your classroom or group. The best time to schedule off site programs are November through March, but naturalists may also be available to do offsite programs in other months. To schedule, contact the park nearest your site.

How to Schedule a Program

Metro Parks' programs fill quickly. Please try to make your reservations at least one month in advance by calling the appropriate park. If you would like a program given in the Spanish Language, please call 614.878.7350. If you need further assistance or more information, please call 614.508.8111 or visit our website at www.metroparks.net.

Battelle Darby Creek - 614.878.7106

Blacklick Woods - 614.861.8759

Blendon Woods - 614.895.6221

Clear Creek - 740.969.9001

Glacier Ridge/Homestead - 614.971.5211

Highbanks - 614.846.9962

Inniswood - 614.895.6216

Prairie Oaks - 614.878.7106

Sharon Woods - 614.865.4507

Three Creeks - 614.409.9914

Slate Run Living Historical Farm – 614.508.8111

When scheduling a visit to a Metro Park, please be prepared to provide the information listed below. Naturalist schedules and availability vary, so your flexibility is appreciated.

- A preferred date that is already cleared with your administration (including transportation)
- Program topic
- Park you would like to visit
- Number of children and adults attending. We prefer groups with a minimum of 15 participants and can sometimes accommodate large groups of up to 200 students with advance notice
- School or group name and grade level (if applicable)
- Contact name, phone number, organization's address, and email address