



The Camp Cherokee Environmental Education Project at Kings Mt. State Park
Program Schedule & Overview

1. Our bus will pick up & return a maximum of 54 students/teachers to one school per day. School pick-up times and park departure times may vary, depending on school locations. Programs, however, are tentatively scheduled to begin @ 9:00 a.m. and finish up around 1:00 p.m. each day.
2. In order to maximize time for the day, we've prepared a DVD to watch on the bus on the way to Camp Cherokee. It will provide a good preview of what's in store when you arrive. It will also review the park's rules and safety guidelines.
3. Upon your arrival, everyone will be directed to the restrooms. We encourage you to take advantage of this stop since it will be the last one before lunch.
4. Students will be divided into 2 groups. This can be done ahead of time or on-site. Each of our two naturalists will take a group to begin the explorations.
5. Group 1 will begin with the Beaver Dam Trail where designated stops are marked along the way. Students will collect information to later analyze using various tools & instruments. Group 2 will take the Campfire Trail that leads down towards Lake York where they may collect samples for closer inspection under the microscope.
6. 5th grade groups will study & compare terrestrial & aquatic ecosystems through data collection/analysis. Indicators from science standards 5-1 & 5-2 will be addressed. 3rd grade groups will take a closer look at plants & animals in their habitats & analyze the adaptations that help them survive there. Standard 3-2 indicators will be the primary focus of the day, although portions of 3-1 & 3-3 will be included.
7. We'll meet at the Mess Hall for lunch, but there will be no cooks in the kitchen. Be sure to pack your lunch as there is nothing available on-site.
8. Groups will switch trails/explorations after lunch.

We thank you for your interest in our program!