

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

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Planning a CRSS program involves much advance preparation. It is important to receive commitments and money from your students well before the actual trip. This planning helps to avoid last-minute cancellations.

CURRICULUM

The classes offered are an excellent supplement to the classroom experience. Our class curricula are correlated with the Alabama Course of Study. It is the policy of the Coosa River Science School program that classroom teachers and resident program staff cooperate in the instruction.

ACCOMMODATIONS

The accommodations at the 4-H Center include the ALFA and Morrison Dormitories and the Fernwood Village (Cottages).

Our two-story dormitories accommodate both students and adults. Student rooms have 2 sets of bunk beds (sleeps 4) and a private bath. Adult rooms are set up in a suite-style with two rooms sharing one bathroom. Each room has two beds. Each floor also has lobby areas for the students and adults. The dormitories are air conditioned and heated.

Fernwood Village consists of 5 cottages each sleeping 13 for a total of 65 beds. There are two centralized bath houses located at Fernwood. Each cottage and bath house are air conditioned and heated.

Adults must be in the dorm area when students are in the rooms. Students and adults are responsible for their own bedding (sleeping bag or sheets and blanket) and towels. Linens and towels can be provided for an additional cost of \$5 per person per night.

CHAPERONES

Please arrange for at least **one adult to accompany each field group**. The chaperones' and teachers' responsibilities are to supervise students and help with discipline when they are in class, as well as between programming. Chaperones and Teachers need to be present at meals, canteen, classes, and at the dorms or cottages in the evening. Please meet with all of your chaperones before the trip to go over these responsibilities. We want them to feel comfortable as part of the program and hope that they learn along with the students. Remember that the more involved the chaperones and teachers are the better the experience for the students. **If you would like a CRSS representative to attend a student/parent meeting prior to the trip to answer questions please give us a call so we can arrange a date for the meeting. We are happy to provide this service at no cost to you.**

CLASS SCHEDULING

Approximately six weeks before your CRSS program, a staff member will contact you to confirm your class choices. All schedules are flexible, and we want to work with you to give your school the best experience possible. For a three-day program, teachers may choose a total of 12 hours of programming and up to two night classes (If you are scheduling a one or two day program please contact the office to set up your schedule). **Contact the Program Coordinator with any scheduling concerns you have.**

An example of a 3-Day CRSS program can be found on the next page.

FIELD GROUP SIZE

Prior to your arrival at the Science School, you will need to divide your students into Field Groups of equal size. We feel that teaching in smaller groups will be more beneficial to the students. We will ideally base the number of Field Groups on 12-17 students per group with at least 1 chaperone per group.

**Please contact the Program Coordinator to determine how many groups you will need.
The finalized Field Group List is due to the Program Coordinator 2 weeks before your CRSS program.**

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