

Landmark Park



2017-2018 Educational Programs

Planning Guide for Homeschool Groups



Landmark Park

Dear Educator,



Thank you for considering Landmark Park as your educational programming resource. Landmark Park is a unique, 135-acre outdoor classroom where you and your students can experience the rich natural and cultural heritage of the Wiregrass Region. In this planning guide you will find all the information needed to schedule a field trip to Landmark Park, where students will participate in hands-on learning curriculum that correlates to the state standards.

Our Field Classes, Planetarium Programs, and Seasonal Sessions have been specially designed to provide students with valuable hands-on activities to complement their classroom studies. Each Field Class, Planetarium Program, and Seasonal Session uses the different resources of Landmark Park, providing a wonderful variety of areas to explore. Whether it is our turn-of-the-century farmstead, outdoor wildlife exhibits, planetarium, or boardwalk, the Park offers an exciting array of learning opportunities that cannot be duplicated in the classroom. Most of our programs can be customized to meet your needs! Just let us know what you want to focus on and we will do our best to accommodate you. With advance notice, we can also develop custom programs for your students.

We look forward to working with you and your students and providing an unforgettable learning experience!

Sincerely,

Landmark Park's Education Department

Plan your program!

The Education Department offers seven types of programs:

Field Classes: Classes taught outside in all types of weather; allow for unique hands-on learning opportunities for students.

Planetarium Programs: Programs taught in our 30-foot planetarium dome using our state of the art projection system to create a fully immersive learning experience. (Think 360 IMAX theater)

Mini-Sessions: These classes can be added to any field class or planetarium program. Taught in the form of a field class, these condensed classes are great for groups that want a little more but don't have quite enough time for a full program.

Seasonal Sessions: These unique classes are only offered certain times of the year, so book early as spots fill up fast!

Homeschool Days: Offered on Mondays in August, September, January, and February, homeschool days are specifically designed to meet the needs of homeschool groups. Each month we will pick a subject and offer two beginner and two intermediate classes on the subject. No minimum number required.

Landmarks in the Classroom: These programs are designed for groups coming to Landmark Park for a field class, but want the students to have a little more information than just one program can give. We can come to your classroom to work with your students before and/or after your program to reinforce concepts learned at Landmark Park.

Traveling Programs: Can't come to the Park for a program? We can bring our programs to you! These programs are offered only on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings.

NEW!

You can also rent our classroom for your homeschool groups. This rental does **not** include instruction time with one of our staff members or any materials, but materials can be added on at additional cost. See our Teacher Resource Library for more information on education items available for rent.

"Landmark Park always exceeds our expectations. We love working with the staff. It is always a great experience for the students and adults who attend." -Dothan City Schools Head Start

Program Pricing

45 minute program: \$6/student

1.5 hour program: \$8/student

3 hour program: \$10/student

NEW!

Landmarks in the Classroom: \$4/student plus \$0.54 per mile, round trip
(applicable only in conjunction with an on-site program)

Homeschool Days: \$10/student, \$5/adult.

Traveling Programs:

10-50 students: \$250 for a 45 minute program plus \$0.54 per mile, round trip.

50-100 students: \$500 for a 45 minute program plus \$0.54 per mile, round trip.

For groups larger than 100 students, please contact the Education Department to discuss options.

Classroom Rental: \$150 for a 3 hour rental. Maximum occupancy: 40 individuals.

[Store Hours]

Gift Shop: 9am-5pm,
Monday-Friday

Martin Drugstore: 10am-
4pm, Wednesday-Friday

Your program fee covers admission for the day, so feel free to hang out after your program and explore our trails, Wiregrass Farmstead, and historic buildings. You can also play on the playground, visit our Interpretive Center Gift Shop and the Martin Drugstore.

Program Details

Group Size

Landmark Park can accommodate field trips for various numbers of students. However, we recommend teachers schedule trips for two classes or a maximum of 60 students per group. For larger groups, please contact the Education Department. We cannot present programs for groups smaller than 10 students.

Clothing

Adults and children should wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing appropriate to the weather. **Closed toe shoes are required.** Please plan for weather and remind students to bring sweaters/jackets/rain jackets when necessary. We operate in all kinds of weather (except severe weather/thunderstorms/tornadoes).

Arrival and Departure

Groups must arrive on time to keep their reservation. **Please note that the time listed on your program confirmation letter is the program start time, not the arrival time.** If you know your students will need to use the restrooms, divide into groups, etc. we recommend arriving early so the programs can start on time. Groups that arrive late or delay the program start time will receive a shortened program. We may have a program that is immediately after your school's program and we cannot delay their start time as a result of your group being late. If your students are being divided into different groups, please have the groups established prior to your arrival.

Martin Drugstore Pre-Orders

If you need to be back at the school by a certain time, please remember that milkshakes and malts from the Martin Drugstore are made from scratch and may take up to an additional 3-5 minutes each to make. If you're in a hurry, we recommend requesting a pre-order of ice cream or telling your students they can only order ice cream (cups or cones) or floats. Pre-orders are due one week before the program and are \$1 per cone. Full payment for preorders is due two business days before your program.

Responsibilities of Teachers and Chaperones

During your visit the behavior of your students will be your responsibility. We hope that your primary concern, as ours, is to provide quality education for your students. We reserve the right to dismiss disruptive and disrespectful individuals or groups from a program.

Booking your program

Reservations

Reservations are accepted beginning at 9:00 am on May 1, 2017 for programs offered between August 1, 2017 and May 10, 2018. **Due to the popularity of our programming, groups are encouraged to make their reservations as soon as possible.** To start the reservation process, please fill out a reservation request form which can be found on our website (<http://www.landmarkparkdothan.com/registration-form/>) Please note your reservation is not complete until you have received your program confirmation letter and paid your deposit!

A deposit of 25% of your total program fee is due one month after you submit your program request form. Groups who pay in full prior to the program date will receive a 10% discount! The Education Department will not present programs to groups who have not paid their deposit . Groups registering fewer than 10 students for Homeschool Days, Harvest Heydays, or Cane Grinding Day must pay in full for your program registration to be complete.

If you have a special request or would like for our staff to emphasize a particular subject during your program, please write it in the “comments” section of your reservation request or email the Education Department. In order to better serve you, all program changes must be requested in writing and occur two weeks prior to the program.

Our cancellation policy for education programs can be found on our website (www.landmarkparkdothan.com/policies) or in this program guide. For more information, please contact the Education Department via phone (334-794-3452) or email (education@landmarkparkdothan.com).

Self-Led Groups

The Park is often visited by several different school groups on the same day. In order to ensure we do not have any conflicting programs and have enough staff on site, we ask that **all self-led groups make reservations two weeks prior to coming to the Park.** Reservations may be made by filling out the Self-Led Group Reservation Request Form found on our website. Self-led groups do not require a deposit and only pay regular admission, which is \$3 for students and \$4 for adults. Groups that show up without a reservation will risk being turned away if it happens to be on a day when we cannot accommodate self-led groups. All self-led groups will receive a program confirmation from the Education Department.

Preparing your Students and Chaperones

During your visit the behavior of your students will be your responsibility. We hope that your primary concern, as ours, is to provide a quality education for your students. We reserve the right to dismiss disruptive and disrespectful individuals or groups from a program.

Make sure all teachers, as well as each student and chaperone understand the following rules:

- Respect others in your group and park staff .
- Teachers and chaperones must stay with their groups at all times .
- Prepare name tags using the student's first name. Name tags should be large and easy to read.
- Chaperones should always set good example for the students.
- Chaperones are encouraged to not bring their own children with them if their children are younger than the group they are accompanying.
- Students and chaperones are asked not to talk while the Educator is talking or while other students are asking questions.
- Have students use the bathroom before leaving the school or when first arriving at the Park.
- Cameras and cell phones are welcome for, however we ask that students and adults refrain from using cell phones, chewing gum, or eating food during the program.
- Landmark Park staff and the media may be present during your program to take pictures or videos. It is your responsibility to inform the Education Department if you have any students that cannot be photographed.**
- Landmark Park reserves the right to send home any student who becomes ill, destroys property, behaves aggressively or takes any other action deemed detrimental to other students or the program. The school will be responsible for providing transportation in such cases and for any damage to the facilities and equipment. No refunds will be made in these circumstances.**

Arrival at the Park

Please make plans to arrive at the park at least 15 minutes or more prior to your scheduled education program. This will give you plenty of time to get in to your groups and use the restrooms. Please arrive on time. **Late groups may have their program shortened to conclude on time. Groups who arrive 30 minutes late or more risk missing the entire program.** In most cases we have more than one group on site and need to stick to our schedule.

Early arrivals may have to wait until staff and program preparations are ready. During this delay you and your group are invited to explore the grounds, just be sure to be back at the designated meeting point in time for your program.

An educator will greet you and your students in the parking area to give your group an orientation. If classes are to be divided or broken up into groups, please have this organized before your arrival. Please note the orientation is for ALL students and chaperones, even if their program is not until a later time.

Please pay attention to your confirmation letter, as has important information about where you will need to park, unload, meet the Landmark Park staff member, etc.

Self-led groups will pay the gate attendant, park and be ready to start their day. You will not need to meet up with a Landmark Park staff member prior to starting your day; however you do need to be respectful of other groups at the Park.

Lunch

You are more than welcome to bring in lunches. There are several picnic areas available to choose from. There are 12 tables under the playground pavilion and they are available on a first-come, first-served basis. There are also picnic tables available in the picnic area located next to the Interpretive Center, also available on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve picnic tables at the Playground Pavilion, please see the Reservation section of our website for pricing and more information. **Please note playground pavilion reservations are not made through the Education Department.**

Please make sure all trash is thrown in the trash cans. Please make sure students are aware of the proper recycling bins for aluminum and plastic.

Field Classes

Farm Tour

Overview: Students will acquire a greater understanding of the lifestyle of rural farm families at the turn of the century with a visit to our Wiregrass Farmstead. Students will learn about the role each animal played on the farm over 100 years ago.

Program Length: 45 minutes, 1.5 hours



Radical Reptiles

Overview: **Live animal program!** In this program, students will learn the importance of reptiles as well as their distinguishing characteristics. Students will learn about the different adaptations reptiles have to survive in their environment as well as what kinds of reptiles can be found in this area.

Program Length: 45 minutes, 1.5 hours



Discovering Our World

Overview: Using their five senses and magnifying glasses, students will explore the world around them and discover the living things that call Landmark Park's Nature Trail home. Students will use their senses to learn about the many different textures, colors, sounds, and scents in nature.

Recommended age: preschool & lower elementary

Program Length: 45 minutes, 1.5 hours

Field Classes

Incredible Insects

Overview: There are more kinds of insects than all other kinds of animals put together, yet we know very little about these important animals. In this program, students will be introduced to the identifying characteristics of insects through hands-on activities on our nature trail and boardwalk, including insect classification activities and scavenger hunts. The three hour version of this program includes a microscope program.

Program Length: 45 minutes, 1.5 or 3 hours

Life in a Log

Overview: There is a complete, small ecosystem inside each “dead” log. Students will learn about the life of a tree, the animals that depend on it, and what happens to it after it dies. Observation and recording skills are utilized to learn more about the producers, consumers, and decomposers in this forest floor habitat.

Program Length: 45 minutes, 1.5 hours



The World under Your Feet

Overview: There is an entire world to be discovered right underneath your feet! Using magnifying glasses and observation skills, students will conduct an inventory of what can be found within one square foot of the forest. Then the students will head to an open field to compare living things found there with what was found in the forest.

Program Length: 45 minutes, 1.5 hours

Field Classes

Authors and Explorers

Overview: Using the fragrances, sounds, textures, and tapestry of nature around them as inspiration, students will learn to express themselves articulately through nature journaling.



Using metaphors, similes, and adjectives to describe what they are experiencing, students will learn how early naturalists and explorers discovered the world around them. Students will also have an opportunity to experience use magnifying glasses to get a closer look at nature and much more!

Recommended Age: upper elementary and middle school

Program Length: 45 minutes, 1.5 hours

What's Wild, What's Not

Overview: During this program, students will have an opportunity to see farm animals close up and explore how they benefit us and learn about the characteristics of domestication. We will then move on to the wild side of the animal kingdom and learn about the wild animals that call Landmark Park home, specifically beavers. The students will learn about animal adaptations by helping to “build” a beaver.

Recommended age: preschool and lower elementary

Program Length: 45 minutes, 1.5 hours

“Everything about our Landmark Park program was so organized. The transitions [from program to program] were easy and the children loved all the hands-on experiences throughout the day. We enjoyed being able to eat lunch at the picnic area and play on the playground after the programs. It was truly a great day!”

-Highlands Elementary Teacher, 3rd grade

Field Classes

Terrific Trees

Overview: Learn about the living organisms known as plants. We will spend time talking about different types of plants, concentrating on trees. Activities will focus on the structure, function, and identification of trees as well as a hike through the forest to study the interdependence of living and non-living components.



Program Length: 3 hours

Meet the Mammals!

Overview: Meet the mammals that call Landmark Park home! Students will participate in activities that illustrate the characteristics of mammals as well as the importance of animal adaptations. Students will search for evidence of animals while on a hike, examine pelts and skulls, and discuss the relationships that exist within a forest.

Program Length: 1.5 hours

1.5 HOUR VS 3 HOUR FIELD CLASSES

Unsure of which to pick, a 1.5 hour or a 3 hour field class? Our Education Department staff is happy to help you find the program that best meets your needs. Here are a few things to consider: Can your group be out on the trail for a long period of time? If so, we highly recommend the 3 hour program. It allows for more hands-on activities and more in-depth instruction time. Do you have to be back at the school before lunch? Depending on how far you have to travel, the 1.5 hour program might be your best option because it is more “cut to the chase.” Still have questions? Call or email us! We want to help you pick the best program for you and your students.

Field Classes

"This was a very beneficial trip for our students. They learned a great deal about life in the past in our area. The instructors were very knowledgeable and patient with our students." -Seminole County Elementary, 3rd grade teacher

One Room Schoolhouse

Overview: Over 100 years ago, one room schoolhouses were common in this area. The school day was very different from what we are used to today, and students learned in different ways than students today because there were so many different grades in one room. In this program, we will focus on what made one room schoolhouses unique, how schools today are different, and a few of the learning methods used over 100 years ago. Students will have an opportunity to participate in an old fashioned spelling bee, math drills, and school yard games all while dressed the way students would have dressed over 100 years ago. *Costumes are provided by Landmark Park

Program Length: 1.5 hours

Wonderful Wetlands

Overview: Designed specifically for middle school students, this program offers a unique learning experience perfect for older more adventurous groups willing to roll up their sleeves and get a little wet and muddy. Students will conduct activities to understand how streams and ponds form, how freshwater organisms adapt, and how factors such as pH affect these environments. Students will have an opportunity to explore an actual nearby freshwater ecosystem. Due to the special nature of this lab, space is limited to one class (20-24 students) per session. Students should come prepared to possibly get wet and muddy in this class. Rain boots will be provided. Stereoscopes will be used to closely examine water samples in the three-hour version of this class.

Recommended age: 3rd and up. Please note we will not present this program to students younger than 3rd grade.

Program Length: 3 hours

Field Classes

Birds of Landmark Park

Overview: Landmark Park is home to many different types of birds. In this program, students will learn the identifying characteristics of birds and what makes them important within an ecosystem, focusing specifically on owls. Students will have the unique experience of dissecting sterile owl pellets to discover what their raptor had for dinner! Students will also learn that both predators and prey are important in maintaining the balance within an ecosystem.

Program Length: 1.5 hours, 3 hours



Forest Adventures

Overview: A forest is more than just trees. Find out about the interactions in a forest community, from the producers to the consumers, to the decomposers. A walk on our trails will give students the chance to explore our forest more closely and learn about these connections through hands-on experiences in Landmark Park's outdoor classroom!

Program Length: 3 hours

NEED US TO FOCUS ON CERTAIN CONCEPTS?

If you need us to focus on certain terms or concepts during your program, just let us know! All of our programs can be customized to meet your needs. Custom programs can be developed upon request.

Field Classes

Wiregrass Farmstead

Overview: Costumed in period dress, students will learn about what life was like in the Wiregrass area for children their age over 100 years ago. Students will get the opportunity to care for the farm animals and help



in the garden all while experiencing first hand how hard farm life could be. Students will also learn about the Waddell House and the other structures on the farm, and why they would have been important. Costumes are provided by Landmark Park. Maximum number of students for this program is 30.

Recommended Age: 3rd and up.

Program Length: 3 hours

Geology: The Active Earth

Overview: During this program, the main process of rock formation and fossilization will be covered. Students will kinesthetically explore rock types, the rock cycle, and the structure of the Earth. Through hands-on activities, students can observe how the rock affects the ecosystem and reveals clues about the past. Students will have an opportunity to participate in the identification of rocks and fossils and view specimens from our collection.

Recommended age: 5th -8th Grade.

Program Length: 3 hours

STATE STANDARDS

Need information on which of the state standards our programs meet? Visit our website www.landmarkparkdothan.com/state-standards to see which programs meet the standards for your grade!

Planetarium Programs

Planetarium Shows (Live Programs, \$8/student):



Seasonal Stars & Stories

Overview: In this program, students will experience the night sky in our state-of-the-art digital Planetarium. Set to Landmark Park's latitude and longitude, our Planetarium allows students to learn about what will be visible that night, as well as learning the mythology associated with the stars and constellations. This fully immersive presentation is one you won't want to miss!

Recommended age: K and above.

Program Length: 45 minutes

Moons of the Solar System

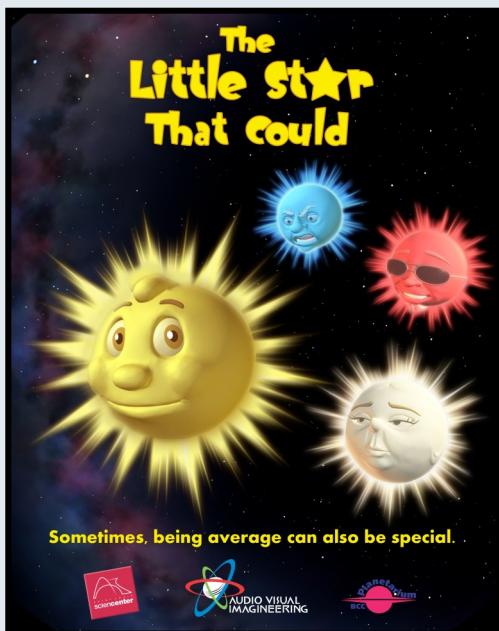
Overview: Why is our Moon important? Why can we sometimes see it in the day? What are the moons of other planets like? These questions and more will be answered in this unique planetarium program offered in Landmark Park's full-dome Planetarium.

Recommended age: 3rd Grade and above.

Program Length: 45 minutes

Planetarium Programs

Planetarium Movies (Full-dome, 360 movie \$5/student):

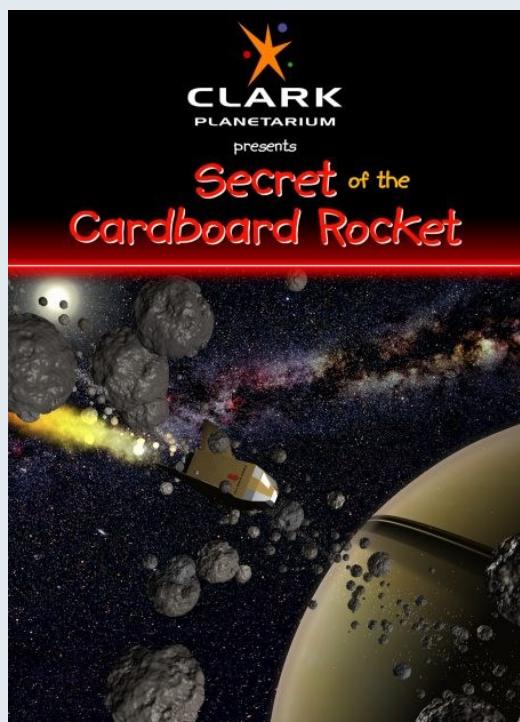


The Little Star That Could

Program Summary: *Animated Movie* Little Star is an average yellow star in search of planets of his own to protect and warm. Along the way, he meets other stars, learns what makes each star special, and discovers that stars combine to form star clusters and galaxies. Eventually, Little Star finds his planets. Each planet is introduced to your audiences with basic information about our solar system.

Recommended age: PreK-2nd Grade.

Program Length: 35 minutes



The Secret of the Cardboard Rocket

Program Summary: *Animated Movie* Join two children on a magical journey through the Solar System, aided by a talking astronomy book, a cardboard rocket, and a vivid imagination. During this imaginative show, audiences will land on Venus, fly through the rings of Saturn, and discover the secrets of the Solar System.

Recommended age: PreK-2nd Grade.

Program Length: 45 minutes

Planetarium Programs

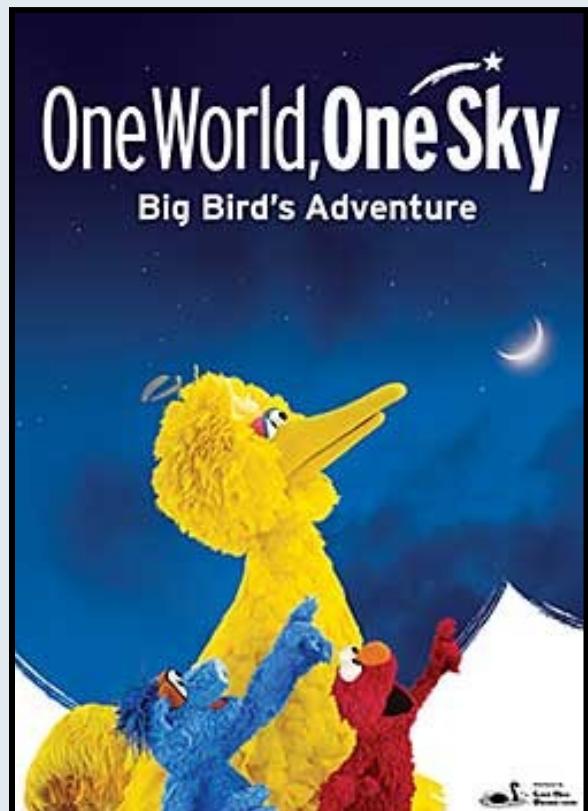
NEW!

One World, One Sky

Program Overview: Join Big Bird and Elmo as they explore the night sky with Hu Hu Zhu, a Muppet from “Zhima Jie,” the Chinese co-production of Sesame Street. Together they take an imaginary trip from Sesame Street to the moon, where they discover how different it is from Earth. They also journey to Zhima Jie to learn about the similarities in our view of the sky.

Recommended age: PreK

Program Length: 30 minutes



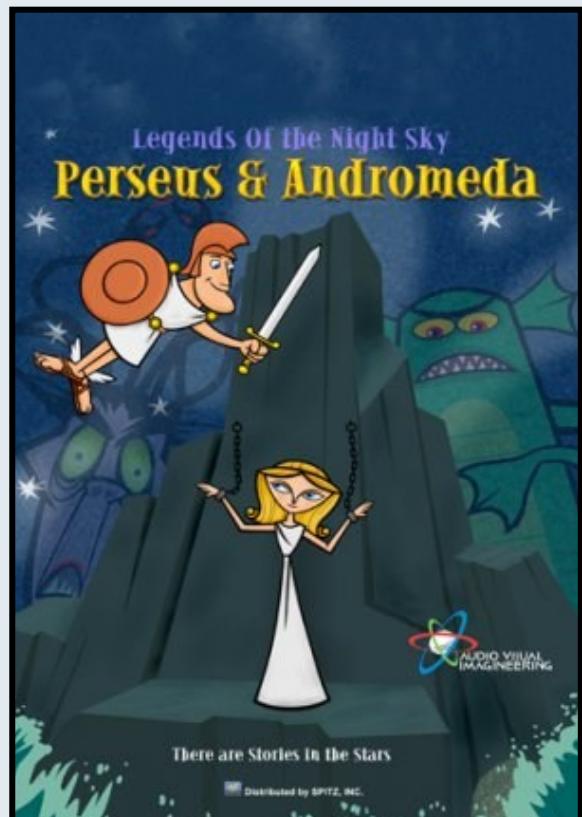
NEW!

Legends of the Night Sky: Perseus and Andromeda

Perseus and Andromeda is a fun-filled retelling of the tale of the beautiful but unfortunate princess Andromeda, who in divine punishment for her mother’s bragging, is sacrificed to a sea monster—and rescued by the Greek hero Perseus.

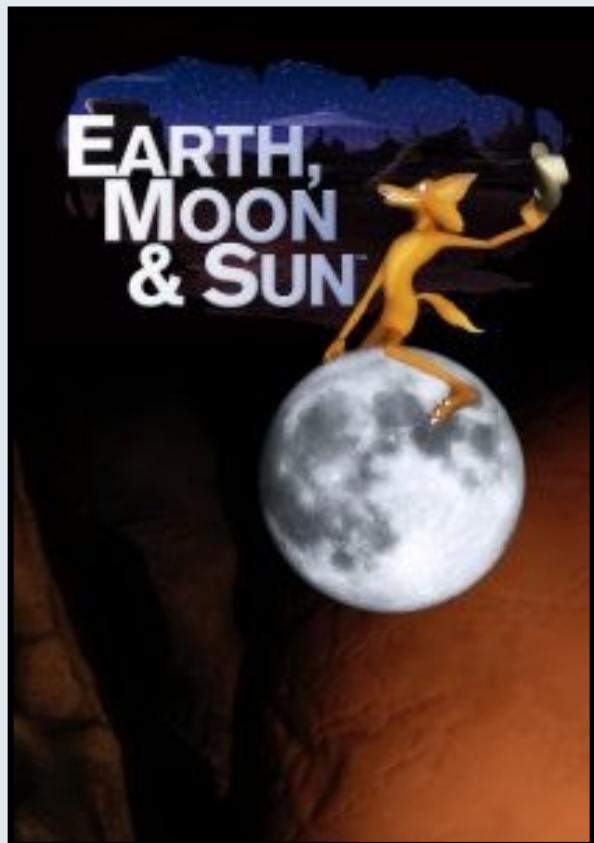
Recommended age: All Ages!

Program Length: 25 minutes



Planetarium Programs

Earth, Moon and Sun



Program Summary: This planetarium show explores the relationship between the Earth, Moon and Sun with the help of Coyote, an amusing character adapted from Native American oral traditions who has many misconceptions about our home planet and its most familiar neighbors. His confusion about the universe makes viewers think about how the Earth, Moon and Sun work together as a system. Native American stories are used throughout the show to help distinguish between myths and science. Learn the basics of fusion and solar energy and why the Sun rises and sets. Examine the Moon's orbit, craters, phases and eclipses. You'll even take a look at past and future space travel to our Moon ... and beyond!

Recommended age: All Ages!

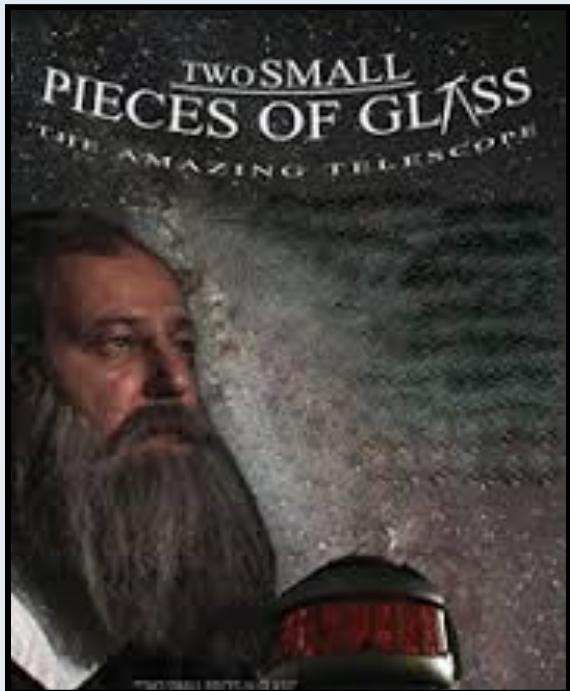
Program Length: 35 Minutes

PLANETARIUM GROUP SIZE

Please note that the maximum capacity for the Planetarium is 35 individuals. This number includes children, teachers, and chaperones. Please take this into account when planning your program. We can only present one planetarium program at a time, so please plan on splitting into two groups if you're bringing more than 35 individuals.

Planetarium Programs

Two Small Pieces of Glass



Program Summary: While attending a local star party, two teenage students learn how the telescope has helped us understand our place in space and how telescopes continue to expand our understanding of the universe. The students see how telescopes work and how the largest observatories in the world use these instruments to explore the mysteries of the universe. While looking through the astronomer's telescope, the students explore the Galilean Moons, Saturn's rings, and spiral structure of galaxies. They also learn about the discoveries of Galileo, Huygens, Newton, Hubble and many others.

Recommended age: 3rd Grade and Above.

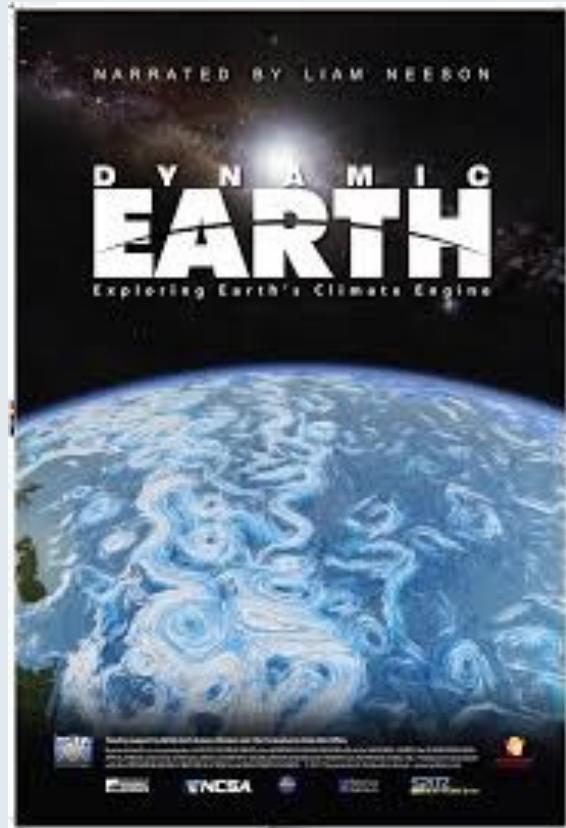
Program Length: 25 minutes

NEW! Dynamic Earth

Program Summary: This movie explores the inner workings of Earth's climate system. With visualizations based on satellite monitoring data and advanced supercomputer simulations, this cutting-edge production follows a trail of energy that flows from the Sun into the interlocking systems that shape our climate: the atmosphere, oceans, and the biosphere. Students will ride along on swirling ocean and wind currents, dive into the heart of a monster hurricane, come face-to-face with sharks and gigantic whales, and fly into roiling volcanoes.

Recommended age: All Ages!

Program Length: 30 minutes



Planetarium Programs

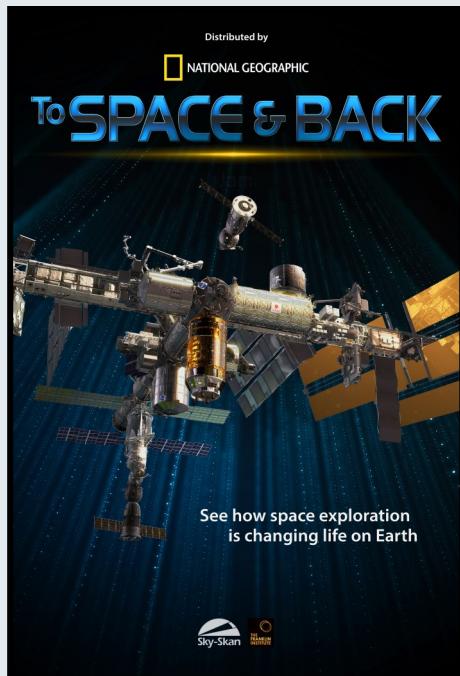
NEW!

To Space and Back

Program Summary: To Space & Back takes audiences on an incredible journey from the far reaches of our known universe to our own planet. It is an extraordinary story of human ingenuity and incredible engineering, describing how the technology that transports us through space is paving the way for the devices and apps we use every day. What is happening above is coming back down to Earth!

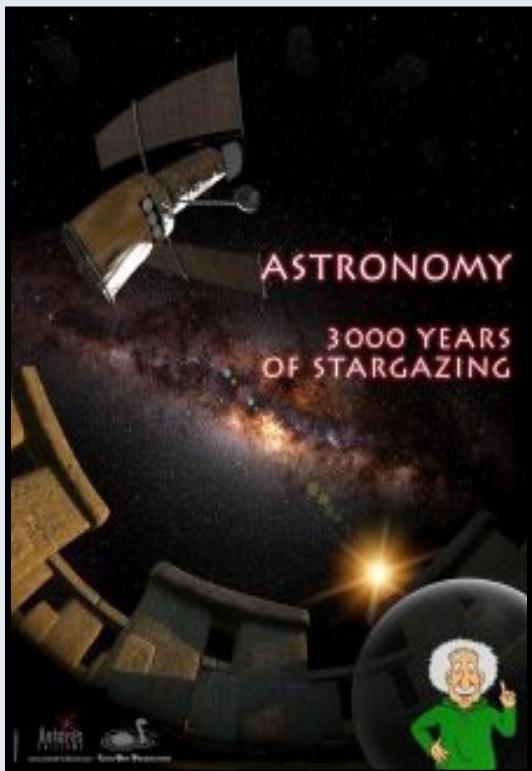
Recommended age: All Ages!

Program Length: 30 minutes



Astronomy:

3,000 Years of Stargazing



Program Summary: The sky, and everything that happens in it, has always piqued our curiosity. Eclipses, the regular cycle of the seasons, and the motion of the stars have fascinated us since our earliest ancestors looked up to the sky.

In the learned company of a cartoon Einstein, this show takes audiences on a tour of the major astronomical milestones of the last 3,000 years — from the cosmological models of antiquity, through the Ptolemaic system of epicycles, to the contributions of Copernicus, Newton, Hubble and many others. We explore the discoveries made possible by the use of technology — from the first telescope used by Galileo — to modern ones in use on Earth and in space.

Recommended age: 3rd Grade and Above.

Program Length: 35 minutes

Mini Sessions

Authors & Explorers

Overview: Using the fragrances, sounds, textures, and tapestry of nature around them as inspiration, students will learn to express themselves articulately through nature journaling. Using metaphors, similes, and adjectives to describe what they are experiencing, students will learn how early naturalists and explorers discovered the world around them. Students will also have an opportunity to experience a solo nature hike, use magnifying glasses to get a closer look at nature and much more!

Recommended age: 3rd Grade & up



Life in a Log

Overview: There is a complete, small ecosystem inside each “dead” log. Students will learn about the life of a tree, the animals that depend on it, and what happens to it after it dies. Observation and recording skills are utilized to learn more about the producers, consumers, and decomposers in this forest floor habitat.

Recommended age: 3rd Grade & up

Textiles

Overview: Students learn about turn-of-the-century textile production including how wool and cotton are prepared. Activities may include washing wool, carding wool or cotton, observing spinning, and trying their hands at weaving on a variety of looms.

Recommended age: 2nd Grade & up

Incredible Insects

Overview: Learn about the most common animals on earth: the insects. Find out about harmful and beneficial species and some of the more common types of insects. Students will have an opportunity to observe insects in their natural habitat.

Recommended age: preK and up

Mini Sessions

Old Time Games

Overview: Students learn about how children amused themselves in the late 1800s and what games they might have played. Activities may include trying out a variety of old time games such as marbles, jacks, tug-a-war, and many more!

Recommended age: K and up



Incredible Insects

Overview: Learn about the most common animals on earth: the insects. Find out about harmful and beneficial species and some of the more common types of insects. Stereoscopes will be used to take a closer look at these incredible animals and students will have an opportunity to observe insects in their natural habitat.

Recommended age: preK and up

Radical Reptiles

Overview: Live animal program! In this program, students will learn the importance of reptiles as well as their distinguishing characteristics. Students will also have the opportunity to touch a live reptile!

Recommended age: K and up



Farm Tour

Overview: Students will acquire a greater understanding of the lifestyle of rural farm families at the turn of the century with a visit to our Wiregrass Farmstead. Students will learn about the many aspects of farm life, including household chores, food preparation, and recreation.

Recommended age: preK and up

Mini Sessions

Navigating our World

Overview: Maps and compasses are useful tools for navigation and have been used for thousands of years. Through demonstrations, explanations, and hands-on activities, students will gain an understanding of how to use a map and a compass.

Recommended age: 3rd and up

Microscope Program

Overview: In this program students will learn the parts of a microscope as well as how they are used. Students will have the opportunity to use both microscopes and stereoscopes to take a closer look at various items from the world around them.



Recommended age: 5th and up

Nature Hike

Overview: During this 45 minute hike, students will have a chance to explore and learn about all the living things that call Landmark Park home. Teachers can choose between a hike on the Nature Trail or the Boardwalk as well an aspect to focus on during the hike such as insects, birds, etc.

Recommended age: preK and up

***"In every walk with nature, one receives far more than he seeks."** -John Muir*

Seasonal Sessions

Harvest Heydays

Your class will enjoy an educational program full of fall harvest fun at Harvest Heydays! This event centers on a visit to the pumpkin patch where each child will take home their very own pumpkin. We will also have many other fall-related educational activities such as corn pulling and shucking, cotton picking, peanut stacking, and hayrides. We will also have the Kernels of Fun area (a huge box filled with corn kernels) which will give your students the opportunity to enjoy corn in a whole new way.

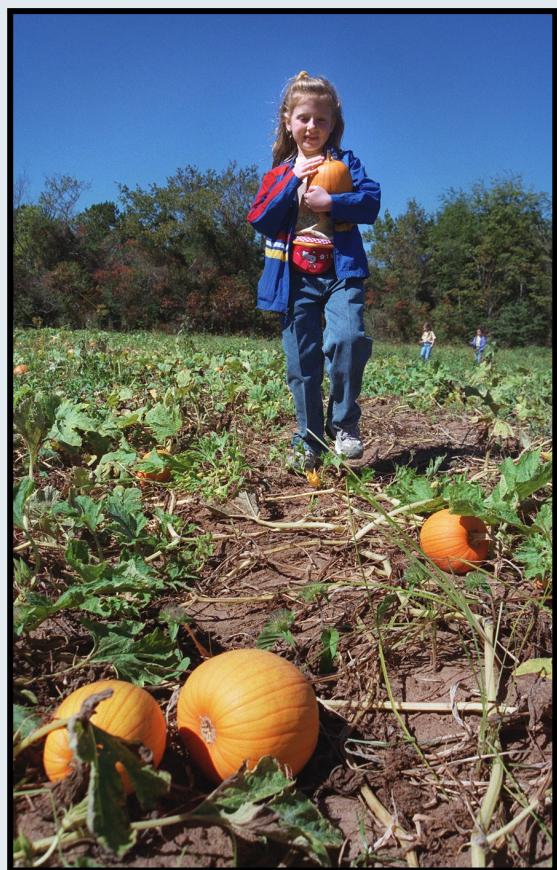
Some activities are based on crop availability

Dates: October 10-13, 2017

Cost: \$12/Student

Program Length: 4 hours (9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

Recommended age: PreK – 5th Grade



Seasonal Sessions

Living History

Costumed Program!! Give your students the experience of living and working on a Wire-grass Farmstead in the early 1900s. Students will get the opportunity to cook on the hearth, make butter, care for the farm animals, help in the garden and more! Costumed in period dress, students will be divided into small groups in order to participate at the different workstations. This half-day program will conclude with lunch (prepared by the students) at the Waddell House, traditional games, a hay ride, and an ice cream cone served from the Martin Drugstore.

****Due to the hands on nature of this program, classes are limited to a maximum of 30 students and a minimum of 20 students.**

Dates: October 31-November 2, November 7-9, November 14-16, March 6-8, March 27-29, April 3-5, April 24-26

Cost: \$17/student (includes lunch)

Program Length: 4 hours (9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.)

Recommended age: 3rd-6th



Seasonal Sessions

Christmas Past

Thinking of Christmas the way your grandparents described it to you? Students can experience some of the same activities and emotions of this very special season with cider sipping and storytelling by the fireplace. The children will also be invited to play parlor games and construct old-fashioned ornaments they may take home with them.

****Due to the hands on nature of this program,
groups are limited to approximately 30 students
per session**

Dates: Tuesday-Friday December 2017

Cost: \$10/student

Program Length: 1.5 hours (9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

Recommended age: PreK-3rd



Cane Grinding Day

This day is designed for school children to have the opportunity to step back in time and experience farm life in the early 1900's. Along with many hands-on activities, your class will follow the complete process of syrup making. Beginning with stripping and chopping the sugar cane, students will learn how the cane was ground down into juice and then the juice cooked into syrup. Students will have the chance to taste the fruit of their labors with biscuits and syrup from our Waddell House kitchen. Several other demonstrations will also be on the farm, including blacksmithing, quilting, butter churning, chair caning, and many more!

Date: Friday, October 20, 2017

Cost: \$10/student

Program Length: 4 hours (9:00am-1:00 pm)

Recommended age: PreK-8th

NEW!

Seasonal Sessions

Valentine's Past

Come learn how Valentine's Day was celebrated in years past with this new seasonal session! Students will learn the history and traditions of Valentine's Day while touring our historic buildings on site. Students will have the opportunity to make old-fashioned valentines and valentine decorations. The program will wrap up with some hot chocolate and a sweet treat for the students!

****Due to the hands on nature of this program, groups are limited to approximately 30 students per session**

Dates: February 13-15, 2018

Cost: \$10/student

Program Length: 1.5 hours (9:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

Recommended age: PreK-5th

NEW!

Dr. Seuss Week

Celebrate Dr. Seuss Week with Landmark Park! For this unique program, students will have the opportunity to learn more about the environment around them, taught through some of Dr. Seuss' most popular books! Students can learn about the important role trees play in the forest with The Lorax, or about the farm animals that live at Landmark Park with the help of Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You? Students can also learn about the importance of two of our farm animals, chickens and hogs, while reading Green Eggs and Ham. Each program will include hands on activities, a short hike, and story time in nature! Teachers can pick from the programs listed above for on site programs, or we can come to your school! On-site programs are offered 9:00 am-12:00 Noon and traveling programs are offered 1:00 pm –3:00 pm.

Dates: February 27-March 2, 2018

Cost: on-site: \$8/student, traveling: \$5/student + \$0.54/mile, round trip

Program Length: 1 hour

Recommended age group: PreK-3rd Grade

Homeschool Days

Homeschool Days are a fun, unique way for your students to learn about different topics without having to worry about meeting our minimum number! Most of our programs require a minimum of ten students, but for this particular program you can register as an individual family, instead of as a group! We will address a different topic each Monday in August, September, January, and February. The first two Monday's will be a beginner class, and the last two will be an intermediate class. See below for topics and dates.

August: Trees

Come learn about what makes the trees at Landmark Park so unique. Trees are a very important part of the forest community and Landmark Park's forest community is home to many different types of trees. In the beginner calls, students will learn about how trees grow, why they are important, and the many things we can get from trees. In the intermediate class, students will learn about the value of a tree, how to calculate the value of that tree, and how to identify different trees. Each class is 1.5 hours and offered throughout the day. If more than 30 students sign up on a particular day, students will be broken up into groups of 30 so each student has a hands-on experience. Each class will include a hike and time exploring Landmark Park's forest!

Monday, August 14, 2017: Beginner Trees

Monday, August 21, 2017: Intermediate Trees

September: Geology

Our earth is a very active earth! Come learn about geology, while handling some of Landmark Park's very unique rock specimens. We will discuss the many different types of rock found on our earth and how they are formed. The beginner class will cover the different types of rocks and how they are formed, where they can be found, and the process of metamorphosis. The intermediate class will discuss the different classifications of rocks, how to conduct a hardness test, and various types of minerals. Each class is 1.5 hours and will be offered throughout the day. If more than 30 students sign up on a particular day, students will be broken up into groups of 30 so each student has a hands-on experience. Each class will include a hike and hands-on activities with Landmark Park's gem and mineral collection. Please note: geologic time is briefly discussed in this lesson.

Monday, September 11 & 18, 2017: Beginner Geology

Monday, September 25, 2017: Intermediate Geology

Landmarks in the Classroom

These new programs are designed for groups coming to Landmark Park for a field class, but want the students to have a little more information than just one program can give. We can come to your classroom to work with your students before and/or after your program to reinforce concepts learned at Landmark Park. All programs are hands on. Landmarks in the Classroom can be added to the following Field Classes: Life in a Log, Incredible Insects, Terrific Trees, Meet the Mammals, Wonderful Wetlands, Birds of Landmark Park, Forest Adventures, and Geology: the Active Earth.

Cost: \$4/student plus \$0.54 per mile, round trip for a 1 hour program

Traveling Programs

Can't come to the Park for a program? We can bring our programs to you! These programs are offered only on Monday afternoons and Wednesday mornings. You can choose from the following topics for traveling programs: Reptiles, Insects, Mammals, Animal Signs, Endangered Species, and Native Americans.

Cost:

10-50 students: \$250 for a 45 minute program plus \$0.54 per mile, round trip.

50-100 students: \$500 for a 45 minute program plus \$0.54 per mile, round trip.

For groups larger than 100 students, please contact the Education Department to discuss options.

Self-Led Groups

The Park is often visited by several different school groups on the same day. In order to ensure we do not have any conflicting programs and have enough staff on site, we ask that all self-led groups make reservations two weeks prior to coming to the Park. This will allow all students on site to enjoy their experience. Reservations may be made by filling out the Self-Led Group Reservation Request Form found on our website. Self-led groups do not require a deposit and only pay regular admission, which is \$3 for students and \$4 for adults.

Program Policies

Cost & Payment

The cost of each program can be found on the following pages or our website at www.landmarkparkdothan.com. Program fees include admission for the day, so feel free to arrive early or stay after your program is complete to enjoy all Landmark Park has to offer. Full payment is due no later than the day of the program. Groups who pay in full prior to the program date will receive a 10% discount. We accept Visa, MasterCard, cash, and checks. All checks should be made payable to Landmark Park. You will receive an invoice with your program confirmation.

A deposit of 25% is due before your program booking is complete. Your deposit is due one month after your program request has been submitted. Landmark Park's education department will not present programs to groups who have not paid their deposit. Homeschool groups registering less than 10 students for Homeschool Days, Harvest Heydays, or Cane Grinding Day must pay in full in order for your program booking to be complete.

Student Numbers & Program Changes

Due to the popularity of our programs, an accurate count of student participants is due two weeks prior to the program date. Once the two-week deadline has passed, the school is responsible for a minimum payment of 80% of the number of students participants stated in the program confirmation letter and on this contract.

Any changes to a program must be submitted in writing to the Education Department via email or mail. (education@landmarkparkdothan.com, ATTN: Education Department P.O. Box 6362 Dothan, AL 36302) The Education Department will confirm any changes with an updated confirmation letter.

Cancellations

Landmark Park reserves the right to alter, reschedule, or cancel programs due to severe weather. A member of the Education Department will contact you to discuss options should this occur. In most cases, the programming can be moved indoors or the teacher will have the option to change to an indoor program. Should Landmark Park find it necessary to cancel a program, a full refund will be issued minus a \$5 processing fee.

If you choose to reschedule or cancel your group, you risk losing any deposit paid and potentially the program fee. Rescheduling or canceling a group must be done at least two weeks prior to your visit. Groups that cancel within two weeks of the program will owe a 10 % processing fee in addition to the 25% deposit amount. Groups that reschedule may transfer deposits from one program to another within the same school year. Landmark Park cannot guarantee availability for the program on a later date. Refunds will not be issued to groups who pre-pay for programs and cancel within two weeks prior to the program date, except in special circumstances. Please note that even if your group has not paid a deposit or the program fee, Landmark Park's Education Department will bill your school for the amount owed should you choose to cancel. To cancel or reschedule, please contact the Education Department at education@landmarkparkdothan.com or by calling 334-794-3452. You will receive a cancellation or rescheduling confirmation once the request has been processed by the Education Department.

Clothing

Adults and children should wear comfortable walking shoes and clothing appropriate to the weather. Closed toe shoes are required. Please plan for weather and remind students to bring sweaters/jackets/rain jackets when necessary. We operate in all kinds of weather (except severe weather/thunderstorms/tornadoes).

Program Policies

Parents and Chaperones

Parents and chaperones are welcome to attend certain programs. For those programs, your group will receive one free parent or chaperone for every 10 students attending. Additional parents or chaperones will pay the program fee. Pre-paid and free parents and chaperones will receive a wrist band so our Gate Attendant will know not to charge them. Wristbands will be mailed the week prior to the program or may be picked up at the Park office from 9:00 am – 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday. Our Gate Attendant will not be responsible for distributing wristbands and will charge the program fee to any adult without a wristband. Because some teachers choose not to take advantage of this free benefit, it is the teacher's responsibility to inform the Education Department staff if wristbands will be needed TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO THE PROGRAM DATE in order for them to be mailed on time. After that date, the teacher may schedule a time to pick up the wristbands at the Park office. Parents or chaperones who are Landmark Park members will still have to pay the program fee; free educational programs are not a membership benefit. Parents should not bring their own children, other than the student, to the program, especially if they are younger than the group they are accompanying.

For programs in which parents and chaperones are not allowed, for example, Living History, any parents or chaperones who do show up on the day of the program will be asked to leave. For these programs, we will bill the school for any additional parents who show up and the school will risk being asked not to come back to programming at Landmark Park.

Arrival and Departure

Groups must arrive on time to keep their reservation. Please note that the time listed on your program confirmation letter is the program start time, not the arrival time. If you know your students will need to use the restrooms, divide into groups, etc. we recommend arriving early so the programs can start on time. Groups that arrive late or delay the program start time will receive a shortened program. We may have a program that is immediately after your school's program and we cannot delay their start time as a result of your group being late. If your students are being divided into different groups, please have the groups established prior to your arrival. Your program fee covers admission for the day, so feel free to stay after your program and enjoy the Park. We do ask that you be respectful of other groups that may be on-site for programming.

Planetarium

Please note that due to fire code regulations; the MAXIMUM OCCUPANCY FOR THE PLANETARIUM IS 40 INDIVIDUALS. Student safety is our number one priority so we will not allow more than 40 individuals; students and adults, into the planetarium at a time so please plan accordingly. We reserve the right to dismiss disruptive or disrespectful individuals from planetarium programs.

Martin Drugstore Pre-Orders

If you need to be back at the school by a certain time, please remember that milkshakes and malts from the Martin Drugstore are made from scratch and may take up to an additional 3-5 minutes each to make. If you're in a hurry, we recommend requesting a pre-order of ice cream or telling your students they can only order ice cream (cups or cones) or floats. Pre-orders are due one week before the program and are \$1 per cone. For pre-orders, you must pay for your order in full two business days before your program.

For more information about program policies, please contact our Education Department via phone or email.
(education@landmarkparkdothan.com, 334-794-3452)

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I make reservations?

You can make reservations by filling out a reservation request form found on our website or in this program guide. Requests may be emailed to education@landmarkparkdothan.com or mailed to Landmark Park ATTN: Education Department P. O. Box 6362 Dothan, AL 36302. Reservations are not complete until a 25% deposit is received by the Education Department and you have received your confirmation letter.

When do I need to pay? What forms of payment do you accept?

We highly recommend you pre-pay for your visit in order to receive a discounted program rate. However, final payment is due on the day of your program. By pre-paying, you will not only receive a 10% discount, but you will also have one less thing to worry about on the day of your program! Additional parents or chaperones will pay the program fee. Pre-paid and free parents and chaperones will receive a wristband so our Gate Attendant will know not to charge them. Wristbands will be mailed two weeks prior to the program or can be picked up in the Park office. Our Gate Attendant will not be responsible for distributing wristbands and will charge any adult without a wristband the program fee.

How many chaperones will I need?

We allow one chaperone for every 10 students at no charge. All other chaperones are required to pay the student fee. Chaperones must stay with their students at all times and are responsible for the conduct of the students they are accompanying. We also ask chaperones to set a good example for the students they are with. This means no cell phones use or talking to other chaperones while our educators are teaching. For some programs (Living History), we do not allow chaperones.

What about lunch?

Currently the park does not have a place to buy lunch. Schools are encouraged to bring lunch with them and enjoy the Park's picnic areas. There are picnic tables located at the playground pavilion and also in the picnic area located near the Interpretive Center. We do ask that all trash be put in the trash cans prior to leaving the area.

Where do we park? Do we have to pay for parking?

When you arrive at the Park you will be greeted by our Gate Attendant. Parking is free, and the gate attendant will instruct you where to park. Please park in the area you have been directed. The education staff will be waiting for you in that area. If you decide to park in another area the education staff will not be able to find you easily and you may start your educational program late.

What about my students who are members of the park?

Students whose families are members of the park are still required to pay the student fee for any educational program. Attending parents and chaperones will also pay the program fee. Park members do receive free admission however; the fee paid by your group is a program fee, not an admission fee. **The school will be responsible for paying for any attending adults who fail to pay the required program fee.**