



Living Classrooms Field Trips for Schools Frequently Asked Questions

Living Classrooms offers field trips to local schools on a variety of natural science subjects that complement Virginia, DC, and Maryland science curricula for elementary and middle school (and high school for our boat trips). All of our programs are hands-on, experiential and feature an outdoor component.

When are field trips available?

Field trips are available during the school year, from Monday through Friday, in both the morning and afternoon. Shipboard programs run from March through October.

What programs do you offer?

We offer **20 Field Trip themes** on a variety of natural science subjects that complement Virginia, DC, and Maryland science curricula. All of our programs are hands-on, experiential and feature an outdoor component.

Where do Living Classrooms Field Trips take place?

Living Classrooms Field Trips are held at 2 sites: Grades 3 thru 8 meet at the Historic Schoolhouse at 4954 MacArthur Blvd NW, Washington, DC 20007, and Grades Pre-K thru 2 meet our site in Glen Echo Park, 7300 MacArthur Blvd, Glen Echo, MD 20812.

Our boat trips depart from Gangplank Marina at 600 Water St, SE, Washington, DC 20024.

What is the cost?

	One Program	2+ Programs	Back-to-back
1 hour	\$150	\$130	\$120
1 ½ hour	\$200	\$170	\$150
2 hour	\$250	\$220	\$200

Shipboard:	Private School	Public/Charter School
2 ½ hour or 5 hour	\$450 / \$900	\$400 / \$750

What ages and how many students can be accommodated?

We offer programs for students from Pre-K through 8th grade and 3rd to 12th grade for our shipboard trips. We can accommodate classes of up to 30 to 50 students depending on the time of year and location.

How long do the programs last?

Generally, our 1-hour programs are for grades PK to 2, 1½ hour programs for grades 3 to 5, and 2-hour programs are for grades 4 to 8.

Our shipboard field trips are designed for students in the 3rd to 12th grades, and are either half-day, (2 ½ hours), or full-day, (5 hours) trips.

For our younger students we offer a *Play With Us* add-on option where students play, explore and eat lunch on our grounds at no extra cost.

What will we do on our field trip?

The activities of each field trip vary depending on subject, age, and the length of the program, but all of our programs feature hands-on science activities, an outdoor component (hiking in the woods to observe examples of what we've just learned about or being out on our historic Buy Boats on the Potomac River), and most of our programs include meeting animals that relate to the subject being taught.

How do I schedule a field trip?

Contact schoolprograms@livingclassroomsdc.org or call 202-488-0627 x 242.

How do I confirm my program date?

After sending in your registration form we will confirm the date and time with you, as well as send you a contract. You'll need to sign and return the contract to Living Classrooms by email, fax or US Mail. Feel free to call program bookings at 202-488-0627 ext. 242.

What happens if it rains?

Our programs are held rain-or-shine. In the event of light rain, we will still try to go on a hike as part of the program. In the event of severe rain, we will alter the program to be conducted entirely indoors.

How many educators teach the program?

A minimum of 2 well-trained educators, 4 on our boats, will conduct your program.

What should we bring?

Students should wear sturdy shoes, as most programs will involve a short walk on hiking trails. Students should dress for the weather (jackets, hats, and gloves for cold weather, rain jackets for light rain).

What if my students are afraid of the animals?

We believe in "challenge by choice," if any of the students do not want to meet an animal, they do not have to. Our animals are all very used to being around children and are held by an educator at all times when outside their enclosures.

How would I reach Living Classrooms on the day of the program?

Call our Glen Echo location at (301) 263-9613, or the School House at (202) 345-4698. Our Shipboard crew can be reached at (202) 384-4826, Half Shell & (410) 409-1287, Mildred Belle.

What if I need to cancel my program?

Programs cancelled **more than a month** in advance of the event date are fully refundable.

Programs cancelled **less than a month** in advance of the event date will incur 50% of the cost.

Programs cancelled **less than two weeks** in advance of the event date will cost the full amount.

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