
FOREST HILL NATURE AREA



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The pandemic has demonstrated the need for open spaces and outdoor education more than ever before. Students can achieve academic success and be fully engaged in sciences and engineering while enjoying the great outdoors! At Forest Hill Nature Area (FHNA) we will continue our educational services for schools during the spring of 2021 with some changes to our protocols to enhance safety. Here are some changes for you to consider for your upcoming visits to FHNA:

Masks and social distancing are required for all students and staff. Hand sanitizing stations will be placed around the activity sites and buildings to encourage proper hygiene.

Only teachers and school professionals will be allowed, no parent chaperones.

If lunch is eaten on site, visitors will eat outside under a large outdoor tent with good ventilation and tables, all of which will be sanitized afterwards.

School groups are limited to one cohort or classroom (maximum of 25 students) at a time with no more than two cohorts allowed during any one day. For example, a school may come with one cohort from 9-11 and a second from 12-2. There must be an hour between cohorts to allow for proper disinfecting between groups.

All activities will be outdoors and the classroom will only be open for bathroom use. Only activities that allow for proper social distancing and effective disinfecting will be presented. Please contact me for available activities.

Equipment and specimens will be disinfected after each cohort and as needed between use.

Weather will impact outdoor education and visits will be cancelled in large rain events or inclement weather at the discretion of the Director. We will do our best to reschedule in the case of cancellation.

Due to Covid-19, schools must submit a list of all students and staff that visit the FHNA campus. Names and contact information are required. Please email this list in advance to me at ekemler@giresd.net or bring it with you on the day of the field trip.

Thank you,
Erika Kemler
FHNA Director
