



SYCC Field Trip FAQs

➤➤➤ IS TIME FOR LUNCH FACTORED INTO OUR FIELD TRIP?

Yes. We typically plan for a 30 minute break during your field trip as designated lunch time.

➤➤➤ IS PARKING AVAILABLE?

Parking is available in the SYCC private lot, including a designated space for bus parking.

➤➤➤ WHAT SHOULD WE BRING?

- Shoes with a closed toe, heel, & sides for protection (old tennis shoes work great!)
- Sunscreen & other sun protection (hats, sunglasses, etc.)
- Bug spray
- Reusable water bottles
- Clothes that can get wet/muddy, as well as a towel & change of clothes
- A packed lunch

All necessary equipment (fishing rods, lifevests, etc.) will be supplied by SYCC.



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➤➤➤ IS THERE AN AGE REQUIREMENT FOR FIELD TRIPS

Due to the nature of our programs, field trips are limited to 3rd-12th grade.

➤➤➤ ARE THERE ANY PROGRAMS THAT CAN BE OFFERED TO MULTIPLE GRADES AT ONCE?

Most of our programs are designed with content targeted to specific age ranges (elementary, middle school, or high school). However, our fishing clinics can accommodate a mix of grade levels from 3rd-12th grade on a single program.

➤➤➤ WHAT IF I CAN'T MEET THE 20 STUDENT MINIMUM

Due to the high demand for our programs, groups must bring a minimum of 20 students in order to book with us. We encourage you to consider combining with other classes if needed to meet the minimum. Please communicate with us in advance if your numbers change. If you sign up and do not bring the minimum number of students, this may affect your ability to book with us in the future.



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➤➤➤ CAN I BOOK MORE THAN ONE FIELD TRIP FOR THE SAME DAY?

SYCC can only accommodate one field trip program per day.

➤➤➤ IS THERE A LIMIT TO THE NUMBER OF FIELD TRIPS I CAN BOOK?

Each school/group is limited to a maximum of 4 dates per academic year.

➤➤➤ OUR SCHOOL DOESN'T HAVE FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR TRANSPORTATION. IS ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE?

Transportation assistance may be available for Title 1 schools. Contact us at Suncoaste@MyFWC.com for more information.

➤➤➤ WHAT IF I RUN INTO ISSUES WITH BUS AVAILABILITY OR SCHEDULING?

Please communicate with us in advance if planned transportation schedules conflict with program times. We may be able to help!

If running late day-of, please call us at 813-922-7961 so that we can modify program plans for the day.



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➤➤➤ SOME OF MY PARTICIPANTS HAVE A DISABILITY. CAN YOU ACCOMMODATE US?

SYCC has staff on-site who carry endorsements in adaptive paddling from the American Canoe Association. Whether your group will be kayaking or not, we are available to discuss your students' needs ahead of your program. Please let us know in advance if any of your students may benefit from program modification due to a disability.

➤➤➤ CAN INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN THE STUDENTS/CHAPERONES PARTICIPATE?

Our field trips are designed to accommodate students and the appropriate number of chaperones. We do not have the capacity to allow additional participants (i.e. younger siblings, additional adults not serving as chaperones, etc.) The Florida Conservation & Technology Center Campus, of which we are a part, is open to the public 10am-5pm November 1st-April 15th. Members of the group who are not participating in the program are welcome to explore the campus during this time. When the campus is not open to the public, group members who are not participating in the program or serving as chaperones will need to exit the campus and return at the program end time to rejoin the group.



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➤➤➤ CAN WE VISIT THE MANATEE VIEWING CENTER OR OTHER PARTS OF THE CAMPUS DURING OUR FIELD TRIP?

Suncoast Youth Conservation Center is a part of the Florida Conservation & Technology Center Campus, with many other partner facilities to explore. Please note the following:

- The campus is only open to the public November 1-April 15 each year (10am-5pm).
- Group visits to Tampa Electric's Manatee Viewing Center require a separate reservation, which can be made [here](#).
- You will need to factor extra time after your SYCC field trip has concluded in order to explore other parts of the campus.

➤➤➤ DO YOU OFFER FIELD TRIPS SHORTER THAN 4 HOURS?

A shorter program may be possible depending on your group and your needs. Please reach out to us to discuss options.

For high school groups, Fishing Clinics can be shortened to as little as 2.5 hours if the group is able to bring snacks and forego the lunch break.