



# York County Department of Parks and Recreation

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Nixon County Park Nature Center  
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Dear Kyle Dunlap,

Autism York is scheduled for a field trip to Nixon County Park Nature Center on **May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015** from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. You are bringing approximately 20 students and adults that will participate in the following activities:

Sample Schedule:

Time	Activity
12:00-12:45pm	Introduction and Building Tour
12:45-1:15pm	Lunch
1:15-2:30pm	General Nature Walk: Focus on Animals
2:30-3:00pm	Explore the Nature Center and Gift Shop

## Field trip reminders:

- ❑ Special Accommodations: Thank you for informing Nixon Park staff in advance if any children have special needs, injuries that prohibit walking at a regular pace, or special learning adaptations.
- ❑ Trash Bags: Nixon Park is a carry in, carry out trash facility. Please bring trash and recycle bags to carry waste back to school.
- ❑ Lunch: If weather permits, lunch will be outside on the grassy lawn, park benches, or sidewalk. If weather is too wet or cold, you will be seated inside the nature center on the floor. You are welcome to bring tarps, blankets, or beach towels to sit on picnic style.
- ❑ Donations: Field trips are free of charge for York County groups. Donations are welcome.
- ❑ Appropriate Dress: Please emphasize that students and chaperones dress for the weather and walking outdoors. Outside activities will occur as planned despite light rain, mud, wind, heat, and cold. If weather may be a conflict for your planned activities, please contact us ahead of time to schedule an indoor back-up plan.
- ❑ Nametags: Please provide nametags for each student.
- ❑ Arrival: Upon arrival please send at least one adult inside to speak with park staff while other adults are unloading the students and lining them up in front of the Nature Center building. In the case of bad weather, students should remain on the bus until adults have checked in with park staff.
- ❑ Chaperones: We recommend at least two teachers/chaperones per **group**.
- ❑ Gift Shop: Nixon Park has a small nature gift shop. The gift shop accepts cash and check only and offers a 10% discount to teachers and park members.
- ❑ Small Groups: For small groups with individual registration, please remember that the park staff cannot do programs for groups with less than 10 students. Please prepare a back-up plan in the case of less than 10 students showing up. (Options may include: canceling or rescheduling your trip, alternative teacher-led activities, etc.)

Please forward this information to all teachers involved in this field trip and contact us if any of the information is incorrect or changes. Thank you for scheduling a trip to Nixon County Park Nature Center! We look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Nixon County Nature Center Park Staff

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