



RENFREW INSTITUTE ENVIRONMENTAL & CULTURAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Pre-trip Questions and Answers

1. Where are we going?

You are going to Renfrew Institute for Cultural & Environmental Studies, headquartered at Renfrew Museum & Park in Waynesboro, PA. The address is 1010 E. Main Street.

2. When are we going?

Your teacher will tell you the date(s) and time(s).

3. What will we do at Renfrew?

You will be learning about nature and the history of the Pennsylvania Germans who settled the farm at this site.

4. How will we get there?

You will travel by school bus, or perhaps by car if you are a home schooler or part of a small group. If you are from a nearby school like Summitview, you may even walk to Renfrew!

5. What should we wear?

Dress for the weather. You will be outside most of the time. Ponchos are great for rainy days. Boots are suggested for rain, especially if the day is chilly. The park is often muddy in the spring. In cool weather, dressing in layers is best. You can always shed if the temperature warms. Try not to wear NEW clothes that you don't want to get dirty!

6. Do we have to follow a lot of rules?

The rules at Renfrew are few and simple. They have to do with respect for others and for the beautiful setting (buildings and grounds). Your teacher will review any special rules for field trips. We will tell you ours when you arrive.

7. Are there poisonous plants, insects, SNAKES?!?

Don't worry. You will not be in danger at Renfrew. Snakes usually run (slither, that is) away from people, and most of them are non-poisonous. There is some poison ivy in the park. We try to "steer clear" as much as possible. Follow our "stay on the trail" rules. We will help you learn what poison ivy looks like. Remember, it is important to wildlife. Please let us know if you have an allergy to bee stings.

8. Will we need food or extra money?

Your teacher will tell you about lunch arrangements if you are staying all day. He/she may ask you to bring a bag lunch, or the cafeteria staff at your school may provide it. Extra snacks are discouraged unless needed for medical reasons. You will not need extra money. Though the museum has a small gift shop, we do not visit it during our programs. Please come back with a parent during museum hours if you want to browse.

9. Do we need to bring anything else?

Your teacher will let you know if you should bring anything specific for your program. For example, if you're participating in our *Dairy Culture* program, you'll need a small jar in order to make butter to share at home.

10. Who will our teachers be?

Your classroom teacher(s) will be with you. Your group will be led by a professional teacher from Renfrew Institute. Sometimes your classroom teacher will be in charge. Usually some parents come along to help out, too. You will always know where to go and what to do.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU SOON!