



Field Trips at Living River

Trip Pricing

\$15-20 per student, \$10 per adult (price does not include lunch or snacks)

Pricing varies depending on programming requested or available.

Groups are required to bring their own snacks and lunches.

Other Trip Basic Information

Minimum trip length: 5 hours

Maximum trip length: 8 hours

Minimum group size: 18 students

Maximum group size: 90 students (with a little wiggle room)

Minimum Required Supervision Ratios

Living River adheres to the American Camping Association standards. Living River requires the minimum ratios below for your field trip group, Living River's staff excluding:

Student Age:	Minimum Required Chaperone to Student Ratio:
4-5 years	1:5
6-8 years	1:8
9-18 years	1:10

Program Groups

Living River will communicate how many program groups your students need to be broken up into for rotating through program blocks. Please arrive at Living River with a plan for how you and your adults will break your group up into its smaller groups. Each program group can be no larger than 25 students. If bringing groups of multiple ages/groups please separate them into program groups as much along age/grade lines as possible.

Typical Field Trip Schedule

- **Arrival, Restrooms, Welcome (orientation to Living River and day's activities)**
 - Groups often run later than they anticipate when arriving to Living River. It is a bumpy 2-mile drive to campus from our sign off the highway that can take buses some time. We'll try to factor in more time for arrival and departure on our end as much as possible. **Please try to arrive with a flexible mindset.**

Depending on how late your group's arrival is, programing may get adjusted so that we can honor your group's departure time.

- **First Program Block-** program groups will rotate between 2-4 different programs (a program block can contain multiple programs dependent which are coordinated with the group leader ahead of time). **~2 hours**
- **Lunch**
- **Second Program, Environmental or Structured Recreation-** a second opportunity for a different environmetnal program or for larger groups to rotate stations. In addition to environmental programming, Living River offers structured recreational opportunities like fishing, archery, disc golf, low ropes. Kayaking and canoeing are available on a limited basis. The group's lead teacher or lead facilitator will work out scheduling desires with Living River. **~2 hours**
- **Third Program Block as Time Allows ~2 hours**
- **Restrooms and Departure**

Available Programs

- Educational Walk and Swim in the Cahaba
- Educational Program with a Partner (dependent on availability, coordinated with group)- 4-H Extension Service, Alabama Forestry Comission, Alabama Paleotloogical Society, Cahaba River Society, or Cahaba Riverkeeper
- Canoeing (limited to program groups of size 12 or less)
- Educatinal Fossil Hunt
- Low Ropes Course
- Disc Golf
- Archery
- Swimming in the Lake
- Free Play (Gaga, Volleyball, etc.)

Reserving Field Trip

1. Coordinate date with Living River by emailing office@livingriver.org.
2. Confirm date with \$300 deposit (nonrefundable, but transferable) and signed agreement (sent via JotForm).
3. Coordinate group logistics and program desires/availability 1-2 months prior to trip.
4. Confirm trip logistics and group size **one week prior** to field trip.

What do students need to wear and bring?

Wear: closed-toe shoes and comfortable clothes for playing, hiking, and exploring

Bring: refillable water bottle, bug spray, sunscreen, change of socks and second pair of closed-toe shoes (if students are entering the river or swimming in the lake. Students may need a change of clothes, too, if so.)