



Teacher Escape Weekend!

SAMPLE SCHEDULE

Saturday

8:00-9:00am

Check in at Main Office, move into dorm, head to Dining Hall. Coffee and muffins will be available.

9:00-9:30am

Welcome and Orientation in Cove Room, come ready to roll!

9:40-10:45am

Option 1: For New Teachers: Get to know the Tremont campus with one of our friendly staff...this is a great time to ask questions about the facility, organization, staff, ANYTHING...

Option 2: An Exercise in Inquiry...while this isn't one of our current program offerings, it may be something you could do with students before or after a Tremont trip for extra enrichment and assessment of scientific understanding.

11:00am-12:00pm

Cooperative teaching - Who does WHAT? Since Tremont began, we have used this model to engage teachers in what we do in terms of content and process in the hopes that our impact will spill over into classrooms during the rest of the year.

12:30pm

Lunch (The Tremont store will be open during this time... remember all proceeds help fund Tremont's school programs.)

1:30-4:45pm

Field Trip to Cades Cove (may need to carpool).

Learn about a popular and well-loved citizen science program called Monarch Tagging, and catch some butterflies! Also, come experience the **Biodiversity Blitz!** If you have done this class before or especially if you haven't, come see how this works to get your students excited about exploration and discovery as they conduct a species inventory and compare habitats for diversity.

5:30pm

Dinner

6:30pm **Evening Presentation - Fiber Fun with Sheri Liles:** (Meet in Cove Room) This demonstration will teach your students how clothes used to be made—from animal to finished product.

8:00ish **Social:** (Meet in Pavilion) Enjoy a well-deserved break and mingle with your fellow teachers. Refreshments available.

Sunday

8:00-9:00am **Continental Breakfast**, pack up your belongings and move out of the dorm. At 8:30, showing of DVD *Magic in the Forest* in the Cove Room.

9:00-12:00pm **Option 1: Geology Hike to the Falls:** (Meet in Friendship Circle) A popular program learning about the formation of the Smokies while hiking to Spruce Flats Falls. If you have never been here before and you are thinking about choosing this lesson, we recommend going. This is a 2-mile roundtrip hike that is rocky and moderately strenuous.

Option 2: Phenology is PHUN! (Meet in Council House) This will be a time to learn about the latest of our citizen science projects, as well as a project you could replicate at school!

Option 3: Meet with Mary Dresser, Program Specialist, to discuss your school trip's schedule and ask questions regarding programming. If you choose this option, you can also attend *Phenology is PHUN!* but not the *Geology Hike to the Falls*.

12:00pm **Closing Circle** in the Council House

12:30pm **Lunch and Goodbye!**

*Thank you for attending Teacher Escape Weekend. Tremont has tried to accommodate teachers' busy schedules by beginning this workshop on Saturday morning. **We expect all participants to attend all sessions.** In order to make this workshop more beneficial to all participants, please come with ideas and suggestions to share during discussion times. Thank you for all you do, and we look forward to seeing you with your students!*