

bja Bob Jones Academy



CREATION MUSEUM TRIP

October 23 – 25, 2019

*Information
for parents and students*

BJA Creation Museum Trip

As we anticipate our trip to the Creation Museum, we trust your seventh-grader is as excited about this learning experience as we are! Our teachers are looking forward to interacting with students in an informal atmosphere, but we also realize the responsibility we have to provide proper supervision for your child. To assist us with that responsibility, please carefully go over the following information with your child and stress the importance of abiding by the established policies.

As part of that discussion, please also help your student think through how to reflect the Lord Jesus to others—believers and unbelievers alike—while on the trip. We trust that the trip will not only be a fun learning experience but will also contribute to the spiritual growth of our students!

If there is an emergency, parents can call Mr. Payne at (864) 423-4179 or the middle school office to get a message to a student.

DEPARTURE/RETURN

- **Departure:** in front of BJU Press (the west end, farthest away from the Primary Center) at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 23. Upon arrival at the buses, students should immediately check in with Mr. Payne and be orderly and helpful while the bus is being loaded.
- **Return:** in front of BJU Press by 11 p.m. on Friday, October 25. Students will be instructed to call/text home when we are one hour away from school.

BUS TRIP

- **Seating:** Boys and girls will be separated on the bus. One group will sit in the front and the other will sit in the back.
- **Snacks:** Dry snacks (nuts, chips) are fine; please do not bring sticky foods or any form of chocolate. Only water is permitted, and to minimize spills, any beverage container

should have a screw-on cap. Because the bus makes few stops, students should regulate fluid intake accordingly.

- Bus entertainment: books, games and handheld electronic games (on devices that play only that game) may be used; Students may not access the Internet. Of course, students should abide by school expectations regarding all content. Please do not bring other electronic devices. Students need to have games and game devices checked by Mr. Payne by Tuesday, October 22.

CELL PHONE USE

- Students may bring their cell phones on the trip, but they are to use them only with permission from a chaperon.
- Chaperons will encourage students to text or call home at specific times each day to update parents.
- Students may not use phones other than for calling/texting parents and using the camera to take appropriate photos.
- Phones should be set to silent when on tours.
- Chaperons may collect all phones at various times; phones will be collected at lights out and returned at breakfast.
- Phone privileges may be lost if guidelines are not followed.

PACKING LIST

- Students should pack lightly (bringing only what is necessary). Lodging will be at a camp called Potters Ranch (PR), located in Union, Kentucky. The camp does provide bed linens. (There may be a few girls who will be sleeping on rollaway beds. They may prefer to bring sleeping bags. We will determine how many and who these students may be.)
- Field trip medication form (available from the office or [online](#)) along with any needed medications
- One medium-size suitcase or duffel bag, marked with the student's name on duct tape
- Toiletries (shower shoes, towel, washcloth, shampoo, etc.)
- Camera, including batteries and memory card if desired; cell phones may be used as cameras
- Cell phone, if desired

- Clothing—mix and match when possible; bringing a jacket and being able to layer are also important since temperatures may vary during the day.
- Comfortable shoes—for the zip line, closed-toe shoes are required (no flip-flops)
- Guys: khakis or neat, properly fitting jeans; uniform shirts
- Girls: loose-fitting and neat jeans or slacks; uniform shirts
- Jeans or athletic attire for play activities at camp
- Other (Bible, notebook, compact umbrella, cash to cover 4 or 5 meals that we eat out, souvenirs, and a tip for PR staff—please keep food and souvenir money separate)
- Small bag or backpack for bus

ITINERARY

Wednesday, October 23

7:00 a.m. Depart from BJU Press parking lot
Stops for lunch/restrooms

3 p.m. Arrive at the Ark Encounter (AE)
Tour outdoor attractions/activities at the AE
Travel to PR, find sleeping quarters, supper,
orientation meeting, game time in lodge, lights out

Thursday, October 24

Breakfast at PR
Spend the day at the CM: exhibits, presentations,
special speakers, gift shop, zip lines, petting zoo,
planetarium, and star gazing
Lunch and supper will be at the CM
Return to PR late and go to bed

Friday, October 25

Breakfast at PR
Pack, discuss visit to Big Bone Lick State Park
(BBLSP)
Short visit to BBLSP then depart for the AE
Tour inside the Ark - films, exhibits, and gift shop
Lunch at Ark Encounter

3:30 p.m. Depart for Greenville
Stops for dinner/restrooms

11 p.m. Arrive at BJU Press parking lot