

bja Bob Jones Academy



CREATION MUSEUM & ARK ENCOUNTER TRIP

November 3 - 5, 2021

*Information
for parents and students*

BJA Creation Museum Trip

We are anticipating a great trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter. Hopefully, your student is as excited about this learning experience as we are! Our teachers are looking forward to building relationships through informal interactions with students. We also realize our responsibility to provide proper supervision for your child. To assist us with that responsibility, please carefully discuss the following information with your child and stress the importance of abiding by the established policies.

Please also help your student think through how, while on this trip, he or she can demonstrate to others—believers and unbelievers alike—the difference that Jesus Christ makes in a person’s life. We want this trip not only to be a fun learning experience for our students but also an opportunity for their spiritual growth.

If an emergency arises and the student does not answer his/her phone, parents should call the student’s chaperon or Mr. Payne to get a message to the 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, November 3. Upon arrival at the buses, students should immediately check in with Mr. Payne and be orderly and helpful while we are packing and loading the buses.
- **Return:** in front of BJU Press by 11 p.m. on Friday, November 5. Teachers will instruct students 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, November 2.

CELL PHONE USE

- Students may bring their cell phones on the trip, but they may 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 students 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—bringing a jacket and being able to layer are 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, November 3

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, November 4

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, November 5

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