



COLORADO RIVER ALLIANCE

Educational Programs at Redbud Center Field Trip Information & Guidelines

Thanks for scheduling a field trip to Redbud Center!

Please review all information before visiting Redbud Center to ensure the best possible field trip experience. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these guidelines, please contact program coordinator Daniela Pennycook at 512-498-1587 or at programs@coloradoriver.org

Before your field trip:

- **Student Groups** – Have students pre-assigned to groups of fifteen prior to arrival to allow for easy transitions. Once onsite, groups of fifteen will rotate with their teacher or chaperone through four learning stations, taught by volunteer educators (docents). Teachers and chaperones are expected to manage all student behavior.
- **Chaperones** - We require an adult to child ratio of 1 to 15 for all school groups. Please plan for at least *one teacher or parent chaperone for each group of 15 students*. Chaperones will be responsible for the behavior of their group and must remain with their groups throughout the field trip.
- **Photo Release Forms** - Included in this packet is a media release form in English and Spanish. Please distribute these forms to students before the scheduled trip so they can be completed at home. Please bring signed forms with you to Redbud Center. Taking photos of participating students is a great opportunity for us to show potential donors what students are learning and allow the Alliance to keep the field trips free of charge.
- **Program changes or cancellations** - Please notify us of cancellation at least one week prior to the scheduled date. Inform us of any changes, including late arrival or number of students, as soon as you are able.

Day of your field trip:

- **Nametags** - We strongly recommend that students wear nametags for easy identification by staff and to make the lessons for personalized.
- **Arrival** – There is a bus map included in these documents. Please ensure the drivers and lead teacher are familiar with the student drop-off location. It is SEPARATE from the Redbud Center's address and front lot. That lot is too small to accommodate school buses.
- **Timing** - Programs start and end at the scheduled time. Please plan to arrive early. If you arrive late, the program must still end at the scheduled time.
- **Lunch** - Lunch is picnic-style outdoors on the grass or in the amphitheater. Feel free to bring picnic blankets for your students to sit on during lunchtime.
- **Weather** - The entire field trip is outdoors. Please ensure that all students are dressed appropriately. Rain at the start of the field trip will require us to cancel and reschedule.

Additionally, the Redbud Center houses the LCRA River Operations Center and Emergency Operations Center. Flooding events and other disasters anywhere within the Colorado River basin can require substantial emergency response activity to occur in and around the Redbud facility. Field trips and classes may need to be postponed or canceled during such times, with little or no notice. If a program is cancelled, we will work to reschedule.

Driving/Parking Directions for Redbud Center

Bus parking at 3625 Lake Austin Blvd

Austin, TX 78703

There is a bus map also contained within these documents. Please share with your driver and lead teacher each field trip day.

For Cars:

- From Mopac/ Loop 1, exit Lake Austin Blvd and head West
- Pass the intersection of Lake Austin Blvd and Redbud Trail
- Redbud Center is directly after this intersection on the left hand side at 3601 Lake Austin Blvd
- Please park in the front parking lot

For Buses:

- From Mopac/Loop 1, exit Lake Austin Blvd and head West
- Pass the intersection of Lake Austin Blvd and Redbud Trail
- **PASS** the Redbud Center turn in (on your left)
- Continue along Lake Austin Blvd for about 150 yards
- **TURN LEFT** into the LCRA Miller Building parking lot
- Make a *sharp* left turn upon entering and head downhill
- Drive through the parking lot and swing around the small median to pull up along the north side of the Redbud Center Park facilities to drop students off
- Bus park is in the same location. Please ensure the walkways are clear of the buses.

- All of the above are indicated on the attached map