



Teacher Escape Weekend!

October 3-4, 2009

Saturday, October 3

- 8:30-9:00am **Check in at Main Office**
- 9:00am **Welcome and Orientation in Cove Room** (coffee and muffins will be available)
- 9:45-10:45am **Option 1: For New Teachers:** Take a tour of Tremont's campus and all of your questions answered.
- Option 2: An Introduction to Creative Expressions:** Tremont has more to offer than only science programs. See a program that focuses on language arts and creativity.
- 11:00am **Roundtable Discussion:** Share activities that you do with your students that focus on nature and the outdoors. This is also an opportunity to share ideas and recommendations for new Tremont lessons in order to help us fulfill your needs in the classroom.
- 12:30pm **Lunch** (the Tremont store will be open during this time...remember all proceeds help fund Tremont's school programs)

- 1:30-4:30pm **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! We will also introduce some of our plant classes: Trees are Tremendous and Keying into Plants
- 5:30pm Dinner
- 6:30pm **Evening Presentation with the Appalachian Bear Center** (meet in Cove Room): This is one of our evening presenters you can choose for your school group. Learn some bear activities you can take back to the classroom.
- 8:00ish **Social around the Campfire** (in Council House). Enjoy a well-deserved break and mingle with your fellow teachers.

Sunday October 4th

- 8:00-9:00am **Continental Breakfast**, pack up your belongings and move out of the dorm.
- 9:00-11:30am **Option 1: Geology Hike to the Falls:** 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: How to Become Good Stewards of the Environment:** learn about compost, exotic species removal, and what you can do in the classroom.
- Option 3: Meet with Mary Dresser, Program Specialist,** to discuss your school trip's schedule and ask questions regarding programming. If you chose this option, you can also attend How to Become Good

Stewards of the Environment, but not the Geology Hike
to the Falls.

11:30 **Closing Circle** in the Council House

12:00 **Lunch and Goodbye!**

Thank you for attending Teacher Escape Weekend. This year, 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!

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