

Student Guidelines

We hope you are all excited and eager for all the fun you are going to have during your stay here on Tybee Island! On behalf of everyone here at the Burton 4H center, we are so glad that you are coming to participate in our program and cannot wait until you arrive! It is going to be a once in a life-time experience! Before you get here, here are a few pointers to remember. Please review them all, as this will help to make this the best trip possible.

In General:

- ☘ "Give me 5!", a raised hand means it is time to listen during classes, meals and announcements on buses.
- ☘ The long bell rings for classes and meals. The short bell rings for KP and canteen.
- ☘ Do not bring valuable items. The Burton 4-H Center is NOT responsible for lost or stolen items.
- ☘ Gum is not permitted.
- ☘ Quiet hours are from 10 p.m. – 7 a.m. Students must be in dorms and quiet within these times.
- ☘ Remember, you are representing the Burton 4-H Center, your school and yourself.

Be Respectful

- ☘ Please be respectful to **everyone** during your stay here. Whether it is your teacher, chaperone, an instructor, or a fellow classmate, treat others as you wish to be treated.
- ☘ Please be respectful to **our animal ambassadors and supplies**, we are excited to share them with you and want to continue sharing them with future groups!
- ☘ Please be respectful of the **ecosystems** we take you to during classes, leave no trace and take nothing.
- ☘ Please be respectful when in **public places** to people outside of our group enjoying the beach and historical places around Tybee Island.
- ☘ Please be respectful of our **buildings and facilities** as they are the homes of our animal ambassadors, staff and/or other visiting groups.

Be Prepared

- ☘ **Before the bell rings**, be ready for your next class!
- ☘ **Before enjoying free time**, students need to use the restroom, get water/fill up water bottles, apply bug spray and/or sunscreen, put on the correct type of shoes and appropriate clothing for your next class.
- ☘ When the bell rings for class, report to your groups meeting spot.
- ☘ Remember, if you are early, you are on time, and if you are on time, you are late.

During Classes

- ☘ Please be respectful of instructors during class, they have lots of activities and information to share with you!
- ☘ Please raise your hand before asking a question or making a comment—and don't worry, there will be time for discussions!
- ☘ At the beginning of class, brief rules will be outlined. Be sure to follow these to keep you safe!
- ☘ Student cell phones are not allowed in classes. Please ask for adults to take photos.
- ☘ Student Journal questions are for after classes or the end of class. Please put them away during classes.
- ☘ Once class begins, there are not opportunities for grabbing shoes, restroom breaks, etc. Please take care of your personal business before class.
- ☘ Have fun! Try something new! We encourage you to be independent, open-minded and grow with your experiences.

Free Time

- ☘ Before free time, make sure you are ready for class!
- ☘ Be alert of buses coming on and off camp from classes
- ☘ Students must be accompanied by an adult on the dock and forest trail.
- ☘ Return all free-time supplies and rec balls back where you found them.
- ☘ Shoes must always be worn unless you are in your dorm or on the sand volleyball court
- ☘ No running on the gravel. Please walk with a purpose.

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Shoe Requirements

- ✿ Classes, meals, dorms and free time require shoes to be closed toed or sandals that have a back strap.
- ✿ Flip-flops or slides are only for inside the dorms and showers, never during classes, free time, or to be worn outside the dorm.
- ✿ Salt Marsh Ecology requires rubber boots. You can visit the “Wall of Lost Soles” to borrow a pair.
- ✿ All dissection classes require closed toed shoes.
- ✿ Beach Ecology and Choosies, require shoes with a back strap or closed toed shoes that are easy to remove. (Shoes must be back on your feet before leaving the beach!)
- ✿ Surf Sleuth (Seine Nets), require shoes to be worn in the water such as sneakers, water shoes, or sandals with a strong back strap. Shoes will not be taken off during this class.
- ✿ Crocs are allowed except for Salt Marsh Ecology or Surf Sleuth (Seine Nets).

Water Rules for Classes

- ✿ There is no swimming at any time in any Burton staff led class. The instructors are always the deepest point in the water.
- ✿ During Beach Ecology and Choosies Classes, students and adults are only allowed to go ankle deep.
- ✿ During Surf Sleuth (Seine Nets), students and adults are only allowed to go knee deep.

Team Cleaning

- ✿ Be a team player. We all have to work together to keep everything clean, tidy and better than we found it.
- ✿ Kitchen Party (KP) is at the end of every meal, each animal group will take turns assisting with cleaning the dining hall. Chaperons are asked to help with sweeping and supervising the students as they clean.
- ✿ Dorm Cleaning is before checking out, all dorms must be cleaned before breakfast on the morning of departure.
- ✿ Bootwall KP is occurs during the last night. Please return and clean all borrowed boots. Boots need to be paired on pegs and on the wall shelves.
- ✿ Trash, please be a good steward and make sure your trash ends up in the trash can. We encourage all to pick up trash and throw it away while on campus or out in the field!
- ✿ Recycling, please be a good steward and make sure your recycling ends up in the recycling can. Please keep in mind, we only can recycle, plastic 1 & 2 and aluminum cans.

Dorms

- ✿ Students can only go into their assigned dorm.
- ✿ If you need to go into a dorm, students will need an adult and a friend to go with you. Remember, best to be in groups of three!
- ✿ Always stay in front of the dorms.
- ✿ Food and drinks, besides water, are not permitted in the dorms. This prevents roaches, rats and raccoons.
- ✿ Please spray bug repellent and/or sunblock outside of the dorms. Aerosols glue sand to the floors.
- ✿ Rinse off sand and mud at outside hoses and outdoor showers. Otherwise, it will clog drains inside the dorms.
- ✿ Students are responsible for cleaning dorms before departing. Dorm Inspections will be scheduled for the morning of departure before breakfast. A dorm’s cleanliness must be approved by a Burton 4-H Center staff member before the group departs. Remember—Burton staff can make you go back to re-clean your dorm if it is not clean enough!

Meals

- ✿ Form a line at the bell when the long bell rings for lunch. The KP short bell rings once 15 minutes before.
- ✿ Outside drinks and snacks are not allowed inside the dining hall during meal times.
- ✿ Line up with your friends so you can sit at the table where a staff member instructs you to. Students will be seated in the order you are in line.
- ✿ Stay seated until dismissed. Do not get up. Remain seated when you are finished eating. A staff member will dismiss you when it is time to go.
- ✿ Raise your hand if you need something at your table, a staff member will assist you.
- ✿ Line up orderly to go through the dismissal line and exit out the building to get ready for your next class!
- ✿ If you have an allergy or dietary restrictions, please let us know when you are getting your food in line.

Canteen (Gift Shop):

- ✿ If snacks are available for purchase, students can only purchase 2 snacks maximum.
- ✿ We only accept cash or check. No credit cards.

Thank you so much for reading all these guidelines. Please keep them in mind as you prepare for your trip. We look forward to seeing you!

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