



**Tonaquint Park
1851 South Dixie Drive
St George UT 84770**

Outdoor Education @ Tonaquint Nature Center

The TNC Outdoor Education team presents topics such as the water cycle, desert plants & animals, tree identification, birds of prey, Utah's black bears and more to school groups from preschool to sixth grade tailoring the discussions and hands-on activities to the age of the participants. These classes are presented at Tonaquint Park and Nature Center but can be brought to a classroom at your school. Additionally, home-school groups can coordinate classes with our staff to meet their specific needs.

Outdoor Education Program Topics

A variety of topics can be presented by the TNC's staff and volunteers. A current list of topics is listed below, but you can also check our listing on our website, www.sgcityrec.org/tnc.

Topics

1. Animal Biomes (Habitats)
2. Flutter Away (Butterfly Life Cycle)
3. You, Me and the Trees
4. Garden Creatures (Plants and Critters of the garden)
5. Beak Buffet (Bird Adaptations)
6. Million Year Old Picnic (Recycling)
7. Birds of Prey (Owls, Hawks and More)
8. Gurr... Utah's Black Bear
9. Desert Wildlife
10. Wading into Wetlands
11. Water Cycle
12. Fitness on the Court (Physical Education)

How to Book a Field Trip

Any educator can call 627-4573 to book a field trip day for his/her classroom for **FREE**. A two (2) week notice is greatly appreciated due to calendaring issues. When calling to reserve your field trip, please have your topics of interest ready, the number of attendee along with the day and time you are planning. If you prefer to place your request via on-line click on the link found at <https://www.sgcity.org/sportsandrecreation/recreationfacilities/tonaquinnaturecenter>

Field trips are available on **Mondays and Thursdays** during the Washington County School District calendar.

If your group would like to have include a visit and train ride at Thunder Junction, please indicate on the field trip request form. However, please note there is a \$1 per child charge for this option. Checks can be made payable to St George City.

Field Trip Set-Up

In most cases, a large group is divided into smaller groups of 25 or less to accommodate the stations. An average school group of 100 is typically divided into 4 sub-groups of 25 students. Each sub-group then would rotate throughout 4 stations lasting approximately 20-25 minutes at each station.

If you group is smaller in size- please contact us to discuss doing one large group presentation.

Making the Most of Your Field Trip

A field trip is an opportunity for students to link their classroom learning, knowledge and understanding of a subject with outside experiences. These extension activities make learning more relevant and memorable. Your students will get more out of the experience if you build on what they learned into your curriculum. An ideal field trip begins with in-class lessons and experiments to prepare students for what they will experience in the field. Post field trip activities will further enhance the learning, knowledge, and understanding gained during the environmental experience.

On our website, www.sqcityrec.org/tnc you will find the list of programs available. Please refer to this website to prepare your students in advance.

Teacher Responsibilities:

- Please have your groups ready at the drop off point, with name tags visible, at Tonaquint Park's main parking lot at the proper time.
- Prepare your students by reviewing program vocabulary.
- Let the students know ahead of time what to expect in their program.
- Explain the behavioral expectations.
- Encourage the students to listen to the presentations, keep their voices down and come willing to learn something new.
- Please maintain a "don't touch" policy for the students unless the environmental educator has suggested it.

Student Responsibilities:

- Follow the environmental educator's instructions at all times.
- Stay with the group and on the paths at all times.
- Wear clothes that are comfortable and adequate for any weather changes.
- Please maintain a "don't touch" policy unless the environmental educator has suggested it.
- Ask questions.
- Respect the environment. We are visitors in the home of others.

Chaperone Responsibilities:

- Know where the members of your group are at all times.
- Resolve any discipline issues.
- Assist participants who have an emergency.
- Make sure all members of the group follow staff rules.
- Participate in and show interest in the programs.
- Model proper behavior. Joining in on the activities allows you to interact with the students while setting a good example.
- Leave siblings or other children at home.
- Please turn off cell phones.