



Greetings from The Green River Preserve:

The Green River Preserve (GRP) staff looks forward to welcoming you to the preserve! We have a superb group of naturalists ready to introduce you to our 3,400-acre wildlife preserve and to teach you some of its history and lore. Green River is a remarkable place. We hope that you will enjoy your experience here and will go home with a renewed awareness and love of nature.

For over fifty years, The Preserve has been protected from the outside world. Only our summer campers and a few school groups like you are allowed full access to The Preserve. As a result, we have large concentrations of wildlife including deer, bobcat, wild turkey, and even the shy, elusive black bear. We have pristine streams, rare and endangered plants, groves of original growth timber, and archaeological sites dating back to 7,000 B.C.

During their visit, the students are exposed to aspects of the science, art and culture of the Southern Blue Ridge Mountains and the mountain people through hikes with mentor naturalists in the morning and in the afternoon. GRP's hands-on field trip experience gives students a profound understanding of three basic themes: cultural heritage, ecological respect and stewardship, and the interconnectedness within nature and between human beings and nature. Evenings are filled with night explorations, council fires and variety shows. Skits and music are incorporated into meal times and a craft is offered on the last day to give the students a well rounded experience.

What to expect: Student cabins are nestled in the woods of our base camp. Each cabin has a central bathroom with sinks and toilets and two large screened bedrooms. Shower houses are separate. All cabins have twin size bunk beds and electrical outlets. Our cabins are not heated. Healthy, delicious meals including full salad bar and vegetarian entrée are served family style in our dining hall prepared by our kitchen staff. Our kitchen staff is able to work with a variety of dietary needs including food allergies and vegan diets. Three snacks a day (morning, afternoon and evening) will be provided as well. Coffee, tea, water, milk and juice as well as fresh fruit will always be available in the dining hall. You'll enjoy plenty of good food, warm showers, and comfortable, rustic living.

Rain or shine: Please come prepared for the weather. It is our sincere hope that the sun will shine and the weather will be beautiful for your entire visit, but sometimes this is not the case. It can get very cold in the mountains and we hike rain or shine. Please pay close attention to the packing list and bring what is on it. Be sure to include a warm sleeping bag and a good raincoat or poncho. Also, be sure to bring at least two pairs of comfortable walking or tennis shoes.

We look forward to welcoming you to the valley! Please let us know what we can do for you!

Sincerely,

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