



GREETINGS FROM BIRDS ON THE BRINK! As you gear up for another successful school year, we wanted to provide you with a look at the educational offerings from **Birds on the Brink Sanctuary (BOTB)**. Located in Harlem, Georgia, the sanctuary is a fun and forever home for birds and other living beings, including a 100-pound tortoise, that are on the endangered or threatened list. BOTB is committed to sharing, celebrating and finding new ways of connecting with all the living things we encounter at the Sanctuary every day. We are a place....

- where birds can be birds, not pets
- to explore how magically birds, bees and butterflies see the world through ultraviolet vision
- for you to enjoy our colorful and busy Certified Monarch Butterfly Habitat
- to connect and chat with our birds
- to be introduced to the unseen reality of fluorescence in plants, in ocean life and in minerals
- to experience our augmented (AR) and virtual (VR) reality classroom, where the rainforest animals and minerals come to life
- where interaction with artificial intelligence (AI) and mind-expanding 3D Hologram Technology is experienced

BOTB supports the community through our education programs, at the sanctuary, in schools, libraries and communities throughout the region. Our educational goal is to offer an immersive, multi-sensory strategy allowing visitors to have their own unique experience, and what better way is there to learn? We are confident that if we can “Excite a Child’s Curiosity” to discover, imagine, explore and express their experience, we will have helped awaken their potential. BOTB empowers children to become responsible environmental stewards through active, engaging, educational experiences. Our educational experiences have been created to support the Georgia Standards of Excellence. It has diverse offerings for grades K to 12. From guided explorations to school presentation experiences, or we can create an experience that will fit your student learning outcomes.

We hope to see you soon!

Sincerely,

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## Birds on the Brink Sanctuary: FIELD TRIP GUIDELINES

### REGISTRATION

- All education programs require pre-registration. You will receive a FREE adult chaperone ticket per every 5 paid students. Additional adults pay the same rate as students.
- Minimum group size of 10 students is required. Maximum group size of 45 students.
- Regular admission price \$10.00.
- Once the reservation is paid in full, any additional admission must be purchased at check-in.
- Payment by check or cash, made out to **FFF**, is due two weeks prior to the date of your tour.
- Educational groups will *not* receive refunds for *day of visit* cancellation due to weather. However, you can contact **Ron Johnson, Schedule Coordinator at (706) 312-2371** to reschedule your field trip.
- All field trips are scheduled on Fridays. Our start times are 10am, 11:30am, 1:00pm, and 2:30pm. Length of our guided exploration and educational tour is 60 minutes.
- Student's parent and all attending chaperones *must* fill out and sign a waiver. All waivers are to be turned in on the day of field trip upon arrival.
- 48-hour cancellation notice is required for a full refund, **please contact Ron Johnson, Schedule Coordinator at (706) 312-2371**.
- Groups will be directed to Bentley's Butterfly Habitat entrance to start visit. Trip leader will Check-in at the Welcome Center.
- Bus Parking Available. Bus to enter driveway at 612 Byrd Dr., Harlem, GA 30814 and follow signs to 608 Byrd Drive (parking lot). Only short or standard school buses can be accommodated. There is plenty of room to drive around and exit the same way.

### LUNCH/FOOD/DRINKS

- No Food can be eaten on the property (human food of any kind can endanger the birds). You may bring in water in bottles

**For any questions you may have after scheduling your visit, please contact Ron Johnson, Schedule Coordinator - Birds on the Brink Sanctuary, at (706) 312-2371 or email: [BirdRescueRon@aol.com](mailto:BirdRescueRon@aol.com).**

## **Birds on the Brink Sanctuary: VISITOR RULES**

Birds on the Brink is a family-friendly environment. To make the most of your visit, and to ensure the same experience for others, please keep a few rules in mind.

- Proper attire must be worn at all times while on property, including shirts and shoes.
- Show common courtesy for other guests and staff by not using profanity or engaging in disruptive or offensive behavior.
- Pets are not permitted in the sanctuary with the exception of service animals. Due to the nature of some areas, service animals may not be permitted.
- Children under the age of 12 must always be accompanied by a responsible adult.

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS**

- Alcoholic Beverages - Balloons - Balls (footballs, soccer balls, baseballs or other recreational balls) - Drones - Fireworks or Explosives - Frisbees - Glass Containers - Spray Paint and Aerosol Cans - Straws and Lids - Weapons of any kind except as permitted by law.

### **PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES**

- Violation of any City, County, State or Federal law.
- Engaging in any unsafe act that may result in injury to self or others.
- Smoking of any kind including e-cigarettes and other products that produce a vapor or smoke.
- Amplified music is prohibited without written authorization. As a courtesy to others, guests must use headphones, earbuds, etc. when listening to music.
- Entering into pond or water areas
- Straying from provided paths

### **ANIMAL SAFETY**

**For the safety of the animals and our guests, guests are not permitted to:**

- Intentionally aggravate or endanger birds/animals in any way, including putting fingers in aviaries or habitats, shouting or at or around birds/animals.
- Feed birds/animals.
- Throw items at birds/animals or into bird/animal habitats
- Injure birds/animals or native wildlife on property
- Chase or run in any of the habitats or sanctuary property
- Enter any bird/animal habitat or non-public area.
- Cross any barrier for any reason.
- Should you accidentally drop a personal item into an aviary or animal area, please alert the nearest staff member for assistance. Please do not attempt to retrieve any items yourself or assist others in retrieving items.