

## Turnbull Creek Educational State Forest

4803 Sweet Home Church Road - Elizabethtown, North Carolina 28337

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Dear Educators and Group Leaders:

I would like to invite you and your group to join us in a fun-filled and thought-provoking learning experience! Your visit to our forest will compliment traditional curriculum instruction with an outdoor experience that is fun and exciting. Turnbull Creek Educational State Forest offers a terrific introduction to or reinforcement of the knowledge and skills that you teach in a formal or informal classroom setting. The 890-acre managed forest is located approximately four miles north of Elizabethtown, just off of Highway 242, and has something to offer every age and ability. The staff will strive to ensure that your visit will be a pleasant and memorable experience. Your students will leave with knowledge and appreciation of forest ecosystems and ecology, forestry practices and management, and natural systems related to forests. Many species of wildlife make their home here and can occasionally be seen by forest visitors.

Turnbull Creek Educational State Forest offers several unique exhibit areas and classes for educational purposes. The Naval Stores exhibit features an authentic turpentine still from our state's earliest industry, the production of tar, pitch, turpentine, and rosin. This exhibit and the Naval Stores class are a great history lesson on colonial North Carolina. The Forest Products exhibit features informational areas on all things made from trees, and even has a "working paper factory". Sign up for our How Paper Comes from Trees class to learn more. In the Fire Protection exhibit area, you will find equipment used by the North Carolina Forest Service to combat wildfires, including a helicopter! Walking along the Turnbull Creek Trail, students will learn all about the various trees of the forest and the places they live. A guided trail hike is available and explores lessons in tree identification, water and soil systems, wildlife habitats and pollution. Our staff offers many other ranger-conducted educational classes (our most popular are listed on the back of this letter) which are all correlated to the State Department of Public Instruction's Curriculum Guide and can be adapted to the needs of your group.

For educators interested in the North Carolina Environmental Education Certification Program, Turnbull Creek Educational State Forest is a listed Environmental Education Center and can help you complete some components of the program. Staff members are also trained as facilitators to conduct educator workshops for Project Learning Tree, which is a nationally recognized environmental education program that provides forestry-based content and activities for students to learn about nature.

Picnic areas and restrooms are available on site for your convenience. There is no charge for admission to the forest, scheduling ranger-led classes, or use of the large open-air picnic shelter (though advance reservation is required). We are open to the public from mid-March until mid-November during the hours of 8:00a.m. to 5:00p.m. Monday through Friday, and by request for group classes on Saturdays. Please call us and schedule your visit to take advantage of this exciting educational opportunity:

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Sincerely,



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