

SCHOOL PROGRAM ORIENTATION PACKET

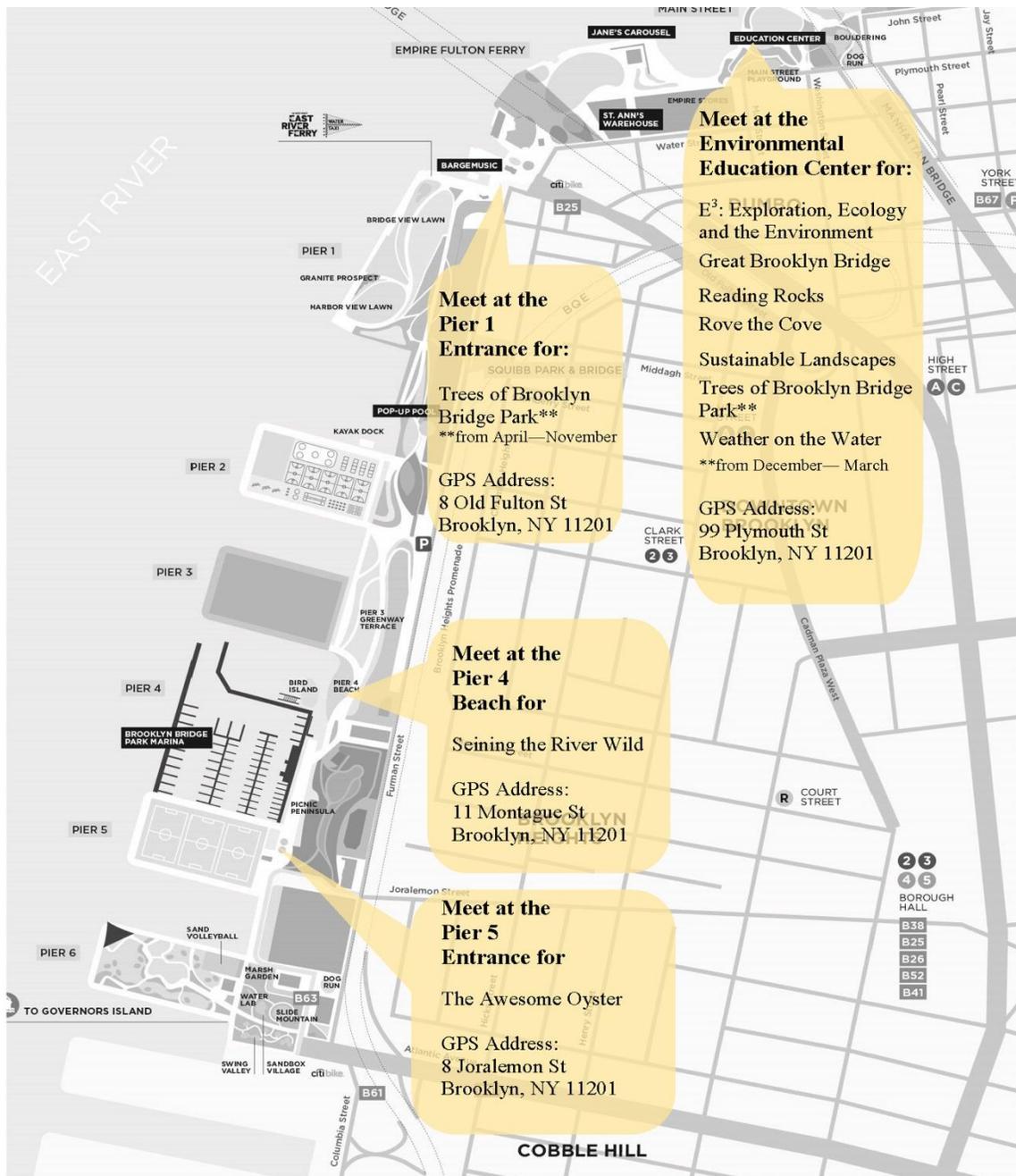
HELPFUL TIPS FOR YOUR VISIT

1. **Prepare your students to for their trip.** Let students know that they will be attending a class with a guest teacher that may be outdoors. Take note of the weather and encourage students to dress appropriately. If feasible, please use our pre- and post-lesson plans, available on our website, to introduce and reinforce content.
2. **Please have your students pre-assigned to groups**, with a chaperone assigned to each group (if possible). We have materials to accommodate **6 groups for all classes except for E3, in which the class will be split into 4 groups**. Please notify chaperones that we will request their participation for the duration of the class.
3. **Have your students wear easy to read name tags.** Addressing students by name is an excellent classroom management technique for Conservancy educators.
4. **Inform us of the rules and techniques that are useful for managing your class group.** Your experience managing the class is invaluable! As a guest teacher, it is much easier to utilize pre-existing rules and routines that you have established. If a student is disruptive or disengaged, we welcome you to assist in classroom management.
5. **Modeling your engagement in the lesson is crucial to the success and lasting impact of the class.** While we are experts at our lesson plan, we may not know what you are covering in your class. Please, feel free to participate. You can spark student interest by relating the lesson to current classroom work, or by working with students who may need extra support.
6. **Classroom teachers must accompany students at all times.** Help us facilitate a successful learning environment. During the program, we may ask you to help us to pass out materials or put students into their groups.
7. **Your feedback and comments are invaluable to our program.** Feel free to contact our Education Coordinator, Lhana Ormenyi, at lormenyi@brooklynbridgepark.org or 718-412-0934 with any feedback.

Thank you for your help and participation! Please feel free to contact us should you have any questions regarding your program.

CLASS MEETING LOCATIONS

Class Name	Meeting Location	Grade
Great Brooklyn Bridge	99 Plymouth St	2-8
Weather on the Water	99 Plymouth St	K-1
Reading Rocks	99 Plymouth St	2-3
Sustainable Landscapes	99 Plymouth St	5-12
Rove the Cove	99 Plymouth St	K-8
Seining the River Wild	11 Montague St, Pier 4 Beach	All
The Awesome Oyster	8 Joralemon St, Pier 5 Entrance	2-8
E3: Exploration, Ecology and the Environment	99 Plymouth St	K-6
Trees of Brooklyn Bridge Park	Dec - March: 99 Plymouth St April - Nov: 8 Old Fulton St	K-1



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How can I prepare my students for our trip?

Pre- and post-lesson plans are available for select programs. Download these resources [here](#).

What should I bring with me the day of the trip?

We recommend bringing a first aid kit, emergency contact information for each student, comfortable shoes, lunch and water, and weather-appropriate clothes and accessories.

Does my program take place indoors or outdoors?

Most of our programs include an outdoor component, but the amount of time students will spend outside depends on the program booked and the weather. During cold or inclement weather, some programs may replace or shorten outdoor portions and substitute with additional indoor activities.

Where should our bus driver park/drop us off?

Your drop-off location is dependent upon the program you have booked. Refer to the Class Meeting Locations table and map on the previous page.

Where and when can students eat lunch?

Please plan to have your students eat either before arriving for your program or after your program is complete. Groups are welcome to eat lunch anywhere outside in the park. For programs in the Environmental Education Center, there are picnic tables available near Jane's Carousel.

What happens if there is inclement weather?

The Education Department will reach out as soon as possible to discuss cancellation or an alternate program plan. If cancelled, we are happy to work with you to reschedule.

What should I do if we are running late or lost?

If you expect to arrive later than your program start time, please contact a Conservancy Educator using a number provided in your confirmation materials. If your group does not arrive within 45 minutes of your scheduled program start time, your class will be cancelled.

Will there be bathrooms near my program?

Yes! For programs that take place in the Environmental Education Center, there are bathrooms within the same building. For programs that meet at Pier 1, there are bathrooms in the trailer at the turnaround near the entrance to the park. For programs that meet at Pier 4 and 5, there are bathrooms at the boathouse near Montague Street.