

Driftwood Education Center

Driftwood Education Center is located on St Simons Island, one of the Georgia Barrier Islands, surrounded by miles of salt marsh and acres of maritime forest. The program we offer is intended to be a valuable extension of classroom studies.

We have incorporated math, science, language arts, and social studies (based on Georgia Performance Standards for 2012) into our curriculum and developed these topics into activity oriented classes. Your child will have an opportunity to learn about: marine biology, salt marsh ecology, reptiles, low country cultures, and other science related areas. We also provide a chance for social growth through learning to live and work closely with others in a community setting. If you have any questions before your son or daughter arrives please call Driftwood at 912-638-3849.

Packing List for Tritt Elementary

Here are some important items you should bring to Driftwood:

- 2 pairs of long pants (at least one pair non-jean)
- 2 pairs of quick drying shorts (nylon or mesh)
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt (seasonal)
- 1 lightweight long sleeved shirt
- 4 T-shirts (Tritt Spirit wear if available)
- 4 changes of underwear
- PJs or comfortable sleeping clothes
- 3 pairs of socks
- 2 sets of closed toed, lace up shoes
- 1 set of rain gear/poncho
- 1 baseball hat or visor
- 1 sleeping bag or set of twin sized bed linens (put in plastic garbage bag & tape name on it)
- 1 pillow
- 2 towels and 1 hand towel (no towels are provided)
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, body wash, etc.)
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle a must! (Put name on it)
- Sunglasses
- Insect repellant
- Back pack (NO STRING BAGS)
- Plastic bag for muddy clothes
- Books to read
- Gallon zip lock bag for shells from the beach
- Small notebook and pencil/pen for note taking and journaling in the evening
- Flashlight (optional)
- Optional: \$12 for short sleeve t-shirt and/or \$15 for baseball hat (Do not send additional money. It is not needed.)

Note: Students will need lace up, closed toed shoes for most classes Remember old clothes are best since most of our activities are outside. Please make sure that your child has sturdy, comfortable shoes. Flip-flops are not recommended and should optionally be worn in showers.

Student will need two non-perishable snacks. One snack for bus ride to Driftwood. Store in your backpack and have it with you on the bus when we leave. (Will not be placed in bus storage area.) Second snack – put in brown paper bag with child's name written on the front. Place this brown bag in the snack box before entering the bus. These snacks will be kept in underneath storage area of bus and handed out before the return trip home.

*Please label all your child's belongings. Driftwood Nature Center is not responsible for any lost or damaged items. Items will not be mailed back if left at Driftwood.

PLEASE <u>DO NOT</u> SEND: cell phones, candy, gum or food, knives, radios or electronic games, or anything else that would not be allowed in their school. Also, please avoid sending unnecessary items since your child is responsible for carrying all their belongings from the bus to the cabins.