



## Classroom at Crater Lake

### Fall/Spring Education Program Times: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

- 10:00 am**                      **Groups arrive at the Crater Lake Rim.**
- Schools should modify transportation time to accommodate for weather related delays both in the fall and winter/spring.
  - The bus should go directly to the Rim and **not stop at the Visitor's Center.**
  - **Ranger boards the bus** to welcome the group and explain the schedule.
  - Students use the **restroom**, eat a hearty **snack** and **dress** for the weather!
  - Students should carry their backpack with extra clothing layers (or room to put the jacket they remove), and a **water bottle**.
- 10:25 am**                      **Meet Ranger in designated area to begin activity rotations.**
- **Note:** Students should be pre-assigned to small groups of **five or six** with a chaperone assigned to each group.
  - There will likely be at least one other group at the Park during your visit.
- 10:30 am**                      **Activity Rotations Begin.** These will vary with season/program.
- Focus is on geology, adaptations of organisms, watershed & stewardship.
  - **Note related to lunch break:** To make the best use of outdoor exploration time at the Park, there is **NO BREAK FOR LUNCH!** It is critically important that students eat a large snack prior to beginning the program! **Some teachers pass out granola bars between rotations. If so, please collect the wrappers and assign a chaperone to double-check for trash.**
- 1:00 pm**                      **Activity Rotations End.** Students return to Rim area.
- **Note:** Chaperones should be assigned to restroom areas and to monitor student safety in the parking lot area during all transition times.
- 1:15 –1:45 pm**                      **Lunch.** Many groups have students eat lunch on the bus and leave the Park at about 1:15 to return to their schools.
- Students use restroom, eat lunch, take group photos, visit gift shop or relax and enjoy the view! **It is requested that no more than 10 students (and their chaperones) be in the gift shop at any one time.**
  - Chaperones should stay with and monitor groups closely during lunch.
- Lunch Options:**
- Fall:** Picnic Hill area (single tables are available but there is no group site large with enough tables for a whole class to sit together), along the Rim wall, upstairs above the Gift Shop in the Watchman Overlook, or on the bus. **Students may sit on the rim wall, but may NOT step over the rim wall.**
- Winter/Spring:** Near the bus, on the bus, on a snow bank, upstairs above the Gift Shop in the Watchman Overlook.
- 1:50 pm**                      **Board Bus.** Students board the bus after checking for litter.
- 2:00 pm**                      **Bus leaves the rim of Crater Lake National Park** full of inspired (and exhausted) students, teachers and chaperones!

*Thank you for helping us to promote and protect the wonders of Crater Lake National Park!*

