



Field Trip Information Battle of New Orleans Anniversary Friday, January 11



Buses

Field trip buses will enter the main Chalmette Battlefield entrance at 8606 West St. Bernard Highway in Chalmette and will be directed around the battlefield to the field trip bus stop. There is no bus parking on site. Bus drivers who wish to participate in battlefield events should ask the ranger greeting their bus for a map to bus parking, where a shuttle will pick them up and bring them to the battlefield. Buses may NOT park at the St. Bernard Parish Courthouse where visitors in private cars can park to ride the battlefield shuttle.

When You Arrive at the Battlefield

Your class will be dropped off and picked up at the same location. A ranger will greet your bus at the bus stop. Wait for the ranger to okay unloading your bus.

When You Leave the Battlefield

Since you may stay as long as you want, you will need to arrange a time to meet your bus or use cell phones to let your bus know when you are ready. Please let your bus driver know that if your class is not at the bus stop and other classes are ready to load their buses, your bus will be expected to exit the battlefield and return so that the all buses may be loaded safely and quickly. Because of this, the best idea may be to call your driver when your class is heading toward the bus stop.

Private Cars

Only cars with handicapped designations may drive onto or park at the battlefield during this event. Student groups or chaperones traveling by private cars will be directed to the public parking lot at the St. Bernard Parish Courthouse, 1101 West St. Bernard Highway, Chalmette. Free shuttles will run continuously 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. between the courthouse and the battlefield.

Chaperones

All groups are expected to have adult chaperones assigned to specific students (a minimum of one chaperone per ten children). Teachers and chaperones are expected to keep children supervised in their words and actions throughout the day.

Lunch and Water

You are welcome to bring sack lunches to the battlefield. Lunches can be stored at a tent behind the visitor center. Please clearly label your group's lunches. No refrigeration is available. **No water fountains or drinking water are available at the battlefield**, but bottled water will be available for purchase (\$2.00 including tax).

Picnic table seating is limited. Please bring ground cloths/blankets to guarantee your students a place to sit during lunch. Students may also sit around the outskirts of the main parking lot, which will be closed to vehicles, or on the monument steps.

Trash and Recycling

Recycling facilities and trash receptacles are available on site. Please help to protect your national park by making sure your group properly disposes of trash.

Appropriate Dress

This is an outdoor event with limited shade and shelter. Students will be walking in grassy and potentially muddy areas. Sturdy, closed-toed shoes are recommended. Depending on weather conditions, participants may want to bring sunscreen, hats, umbrellas, layered clothing, etc.

Nametags

All participants should wear a nametag that identifies their name, school, teacher, and adult chaperone name.

Lost and Found

Lost and found items or students should be reported to a uniformed park ranger. (We recommend that teachers and chaperones make an effort to account for children at regular intervals throughout the day.)

First Aid

If students require first aid, find a uniformed park ranger. An adult **MUST** accompany any student requiring first aid and **MUST** stay with the student until the student returns to the school group. An accident report must be completed for all students receiving first aid.

Souvenirs

Books, postcards, and other items about the National Park Service and the Battle of New Orleans will be on sale at the visitor center. Many items in the \$1.00-\$5.00 range will be available.

Special needs? Questions?

Call 504-281-0511 ext. 24. Information about the battlefield and the anniversary event is available at www.nps.gov/jela/battle-of-new-orleans-anniversary.htm



We look forward to seeing
you and your students
at Chalmette Battlefield
on January 11!

the staff of Jean Lafitte National
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