



BUCKNELL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Family Field Trip FAQ

Udvar-Hazy Air and Space Museum • April 8



Questions	Answers
Where are we going?	We are going to the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center located at: <u>14390 Air and Space Museum Pkwy, Chantilly, VA 20151</u> Wednesday, April 8, 2026
What is the purpose of the schoolwide family field trip?	Our annual schoolwide family field trip brings our Bucknell community together through hands-on learning and shared experiences. Students and families engage in science exploration while building strong relationships between home and school. This experience also provides access to museums and learning opportunities that many students may not otherwise have.
Who can attend the field trip with my child on the bus?	Each family may have one adult family member attend the trip, even if multiple children from the same family attend Bucknell.
What if I have multiple children at the school?	Most families with more than one child will ride the designated family buses, so you can stay together.
Do family members have to ride the bus?	No. Family members have two options: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ride the bus with Bucknell (if selected)• Meet us at the museum Please note: Parking at the museum is \$15 per car.
Is there an age requirement to ride the bus?	Yes. Any adult accompanying students on the bus must be 18 years of age or older. All students will be safely supervised on the bus by Bucknell staff, ensuring a secure and supportive ride for every child.
What happens if an adult cannot attend with their child?	That is completely okay. Each class will be supported by multiple Bucknell teachers and instructional assistants that students already know and trust. We maintain an approximate 4:1 student-to-staff ratio, ensuring students are well supervised and able to safely explore the museum.
Can additional family members meet us at the museum?	Yes! All family members are welcome to meet us at the museum. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Museum entry is free• Parking is \$15 per car

When will families know if they were selected to ride the bus?	Families will be notified before Spring Break if they are selected to ride the bus. Selected families will complete an additional form to confirm accurate email and phone information for communication.
What happens if my child rides the bus but wants to stay at the museum with family?	That is allowed. However, there will be a strict Bucknell sign-out process at the museum that must be followed
At the museum, can I explore with my child or do I need to stay with a group?	You may choose to explore the museum independently with your child or stay with your child's class group. You are responsible only for your child(ren), not other students.
What if my child does not wish to participate?	Students who do not attend the trip will remain at school. Staff members will be available to support them during the day.
Should students bring backpacks?	No. Students are asked not to bring bookbags into the museum so we can move through security quickly.
Can I bring water and snacks?	Your child's homeroom teacher will let you know if snacks are permitted on the bus. No outside food or snacks are allowed inside the museum.
What should students wear on the day of the trip?	All students will wear their Bucknell Field Trip T-shirt. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shirts will be given the morning of the trip • Students should dress in layers so they can easily put the shirt on • Students should wear sneakers to walk around the museum
What is the schedule for the day?	Buses will depart by 9:30 AM Buses will return by approximately 1:30 PM Students will eat lunch upon returning to school.
Who can I contact with questions?	You can always reach out to your child's teacher or Principal Green at RJGreen1@fcps.edu
How can I donate to support the field trip?	Community support helps ensure that all students can participate! <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sending cash or a check to the school • Contacting Lisa Dunlap, Bucknell PTA President 276-202-6807 or ptabucknell@fcps.edu

