



## Option 1: Environmental Center & Reservoir Trip

# Taconic Outdoor Education Center (day & overnight trips)

### Programming:

**Day** rates for students include a selection of classes and depend on who is providing lunch. Adults are charged only for meals:

- Bring your own lunch: \$15/student; no charge for adults
- TOEC provides lunch: \$25/student; \$15 per adult

**Overnight trip rates** for students include programming, lodging, and meals. Adult rates cover lodging and meals.

- Overnight (1 night, 4 meals, programming)  
\$105 per student; \$75 per adult.
- Two nights (2 nights, 6 meals, programming)  
\$170 per student; \$125 per adult.

### OPEX (Operation Explore):

Special field trip option for NYC schools includes 2 nights at TOEC, visit to Stony Kill Farm and a NYC Watershed reservoir tour with WAC. Teachers must attend fall training to participate. \$3,000.00 per class of 32 students plus 4 adults, up to 3 students can be added per class. \$95.00 for each extra student or adult. Maximum 2 classes per trip.

### Sample Itinerary

TIME	ACTIVITY	ADDRESS/NOTES
7:00am	Depart school: On-time departure is critical for trip success!	***text WAC with departure time and final head count
9:00am	Arrive Cross River Reservoir Dam	Reservoir Rd, Katonah, NY 10536 (no street number, drive 0.5 miles up the dirt road until see reservoir on left)
9:00-9:30am	Cross River Reservoir Dam tour	Walk across the 840ft long dam to an observation deck overlooking the spillway and 10 billion gallon reservoir. Learn about the construction and function of the reservoir and the importance of the surrounding watershed forests.
9:30-10:30am	Drive to Taconic Outdoor Ed Center	75 Mountain Laurel Ln, Cold Spring, NY 10516
10:30-10:45am	Unload, bathrooms, introductions	
10:45-12:15pm	TOEC programming: Course 1	
<b>12:15-12:45</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	
12:45-2:15pm	TOEC programming: Course 2	
2:15-2:30pm	Farewell, bathrooms, load up buses	
2:30-5:00pm	Depart TOEC & return to school	

### Bus Rates:

Bus costs will vary depending on the type of bus (yellow school bus or coach), distance traveled and time of year.\*

- For high school groups traveling less than 2 hours, consider hiring a yellow school bus: \$500-1,000/bus.
- For elementary & middle school groups traveling 1.5 hours or more, consider hiring a coach bus: \$1,100-1,600/bus.

### Course Options:

Consider the following watershed forestry themed programs:

- Forest Ecology
- Aquatic Ecology & Watersheds (Sept-Oct & May-June)
- Soil Ecology (Apr-Dec)
- Environmental Issues, e.g. Water Use
- Energy Flow, e.g. Water and Nutrient Cycles
- Maple Sugaring (Feb-Mar)

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\*Bus rates shown here are approximate and are for guidance only.

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