

Burton 4-H Center

Burton 4-H Center reaches over 6,000 students and adults through our environmental education and summer camp programs. Our Environmental Education Program provides biological and environmental education opportunities for school groups while summer camp provides Georgia 4-H agents and campers an unforgettable week long learning adventure.

Burton 4-H Center strives to provide children with a positive outdoor education experience. Outdoor education enables children to delve into unusual habitats while engaging their minds and bodies. These moments tend to be unforgettable and can often positively impact a child for their lifetime. Many students and summer campers revisit Burton 4-H Center as teachers, counselors, and parents.

Burton 4-H Center is surrounded by biologically diverse tidal marshes and is located within a short distance of the beach. Structures and amenities available during your field study at the Burton 4-H Center are listed below.

Facilities (Maximum accommodation: 156 individuals)

- 7 Dormitories
- Dining Hall
- Recreation Hall with Sound Equipment
- 2 General Use Indoor Classrooms
- Fire Circle
- Nature Trail
- Sand Volleyball Court
- Basketball Court
- Picnic Tables
- Boardwalk with Floating Dock
- Gazebo

General Facilities Information

Location

The Burton 4-H Center is located on a 6-acre hammock surrounded by acres of salt marsh at the end of Lewis Avenue on Tybee Island, Georgia. Tybee Island is the northern most barrier island in Georgia. Connected to the mainland by Highway 80, Tybee Island is approximately 15 miles east of the historic town of Savannah, Georgia.

Grounds

Burton 4-H Center's boundaries are clearly defined by the surrounding marshlands. A basketball court, a volleyball court, shaded picnic tables and a small gazebo are all centrally located for easy and effective free-time supervision. For a more reflective time, groups can enjoy the boardwalk that leads over the marsh.

Fees

All participants in programs and field studies at the Burton 4-H Center pay a fee. The same fee is charged to adults and children. This fee includes seven meals, five-day sessions, two night sessions, and lodging during their 3-day/2-night field study. Call David Weber, Program Coordinator, at 912-786-5534 for more information.

Chaperones

All groups bring chaperones that are responsible for the overall safety and discipline of the students. Adults should plan on actively participating in ALL classes taken by the students. School personnel primarily fill chaperone slots. If additional slots are available, parents are welcome to attend. A chaperone meeting should be held prior to the trip to discuss adult roles and expectations during the field study. Burton 4-H Center requires **one chaperone for every 15 students**. Additional chaperones may have to provide their own transportation to and from class activities if space is not available on the designated 4-H vehicle. Parking passes will be distributed to additional vehicles.

Dormitories

Burton 4-H Center has seven dormitories that sleep from 10 to 28 individuals per dorm. Each dorm houses varying number of bunk beds, 2-3 flush toilets, sinks and shower stalls. All dorms have a small private room that can accommodate 2 chaperones. All dorms are heated and air-conditioned. Dormitories are assigned according to student numbers and gender breakdown. Each dorm must have at least one adult chaperone.

Call the Chamber of Commerce, (912) 786-5444, for a listing of inexpensive motels on the island to accommodate your bus drivers and extra adults.

Dining Hall

The dining hall can seat approximately 120 students in climate control comfort. Chaperones are invited to eat on the screened porch, which can accommodate 24 adults. Students participate in Kitchen Patrol (KP) crews that setup and clean up each meal. "Kid friendly food" (tacos, pizza, spaghetti, etc.) is served cafeteria-style.

Dietary restrictions and concerns must be indicated on the Field Study Update Form and received one month prior to your trip.

Canteen

Burton 4-H Center operates a canteen that allows children and adults to purchase an assortment of snacks, drinks, and souvenirs. Most snack and drink items are priced between \$0.50 and \$1.25. Souvenir items are priced between \$0.50 and \$12.00. Canteen

items can be purchased with cash only. Please bring \$1 bills and quarters for the canteen. We don't provide change except during official canteen times.

Official Burton 4-H Center T-shirts can be pre-ordered 4 weeks prior to your field study; this allows all students to have matching trip T-shirts. **T-Shirt pre-orders are not required and the fee is NOT included in the trip fee quoted.** Mail, email or fax your T-shirt orders detailing design choice and sizes. Cash or school issued checks are accepted on pre-orders. Checks must be made payable to the Burton 4-H Canteen. We do not bill for T-shirt orders. Payment can be mailed with the pre-order information or paid upon arrival. Receipts are available upon request.

Only orders received 4 weeks in advance are promised to be in stock and eligible for the discounted rate.

Drink Machine

A vending machine offering "sport" drinks and water is available to students. Drinks cost \$1.25. The machine accepts crisp dollar bills as well as quarters. Money lost in the drink machine can be retrieved during canteen times.

Fresh, cold water is always available at the water fountains located throughout the camp.

Telephone

Students are not provided access to a phone during their field study time at Burton 4-H Center. Based on our past experiences, a home sick child allowed to call home worsens the situation for all involved. Adults may use their cell phones during appropriate times or they may use a calling card on our landline.

Vehicles

The 4-H Center maintains two full-size school buses, 2 mini-buses and a van. They are used to transport students and chaperones to field study sites. These vehicles are not wheelchair accessible. If you choose to provide your group's transportation to and from classes, then a discount in the price of the field study will be available.

All groups must have a vehicle on site to provide transportation in the event of a medical emergency.

Wheelchair Accessibility

The dining hall and two dormitories (including shower and commode) are wheelchair accessible. **Our vehicles are not wheelchair accessible.** With a strong adult to assist, wheelchair-bound students can fully participate in all programs. In order to provide proper accommodations, this need **must** be presented when reservations are made to ensure our access to a special beach wheelchair.