



Kids 'n Parks Transportation Grant 2017-2018

Brought to you by the NM Outdoor Classroom Program



The New Mexico State Parks Division is proud to bring you the tenth year of the *Kids 'n Parks Transportation Grants*, a component of the highly successful New Mexico Outdoor Classroom Program (OCP).

Kids 'n Parks gives teachers the opportunity to take their students on field trips to a New Mexico State Park, where hands-on, minds-on experiences introduce and reinforce the standards and benchmarks being taught in the classroom. State Parks pays the transportation costs of such field trips, fully or in part.

ELIGIBILITY

- **Trips must be to a New Mexico State Park.** To find a list of parks, visit www.nmparks.com;
- Applicant must be a teacher/representative of a public or public-charter school within a recognized New Mexico school district;
- Grades K-12 are eligible;
- Applicants must coordinate with a State Parks staff member to discuss available dates and program options BEFORE submitting an application (Step 1 under Application Procedure). This will be verified during the grant review process and applicants who fail to do this will be ineligible. Please call or email Vanessa Barela at 505-281-5259 or email vanessa.barela2@state.nm.us with questions.
- The field trip must correlate to classroom study and must meet one or more performance standard(s) from at least two (2) benchmarks from one or (ideally) more content areas.
- Trips must be completed by the end of the school year.

APPLICATION TIPS

Our desire is to form lasting partnerships with schools and teachers in order to provide teachers with consistent program planning support and to continue to evaluate the benefits of the OCP. Thus, we particularly encourage previous recipients to apply, including teachers from other grade levels from those same schools. First-time applicants who are willing to make a long-term commitment are also encouraged to apply.

Be aware that funding for this program is very limited. The strongest applications will be those that most clearly link classroom study with the proposed field trip. Priority will be given to those applications with field trips scheduled in months other than May, the busiest time for the parks, and to nearby State Parks. Cost will be a factor; grants typically range from \$200 - \$1500.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Contact the State Park that you would like to visit (www.nmparks.com) and that will best meet your learning goals and confirm available dates for your trip.
2. Obtain a written quote from your local transportation provider. You must submit a copy of this quote with your application. Please supply a precise quote. This will help us serve as many schools as possible with the available funds.
3. Fill out the *Kids 'n Parks* application form completely and return it to Vanessa Barela (addresses below) no later than Friday, October 6, 2017:

E-mail: vanessa.barela2@state.nm.us

Ground mail:

New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science
Sandia Mountain Natural History Center
1801 Mountain Road NW
Albuquerque, NM 87104

4. Applicants will receive notification by Friday, October 13, 2017.

Submission deadline: Friday,
October 6, 2017



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School Information

Teacher name: _____

School Name: _____ School District: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____, NM ZIP: _____

School phone: _____ School fax: _____

Applicant's email: _____ Daytime phone: _____

Grade level(s) participating: _____ Estimated # students: _____

Bus/Transportation Information

*Please obtain a quote from your transportation provider and fill in this section. **Please submit a copy of your written quote with your application or within 24 hours of submitting your application.** Precise quotes help get more kids outside.*

buses requested: _____ Total cost of transportation for all buses (must match quote sheet): \$ _____

Bus provider: _____ Contact name: _____

Provider phone: _____ Provider email (if available): _____

Program

*Please schedule a field trip with your chosen State Park **before** submitting an application. Scheduling is the responsibility of the applicant.*

Outdoor Classroom Destination: _____ State Park

Field Trip date (approximate – can change if necessary): _____

Parks contact person: _____ Contact phone: _____

In the space below, please provide a brief description of your proposed field trip.



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1) Please list the standards and benchmarks you are targeting with this field trip.

2) Please describe how this field trip ties into your classroom study. How do you intend to use this field trip as a learning experience that supports classroom study? How will you assess the success of the field trip?

3) How do you think this experience will benefit your students (academically, socially, behaviorally, emotionally, etc.)?

*I understand that the Kids'n Parks Transportation Grant is awarded through a competitive process based on the strength and merit of my application. **Neither my field trip reservations nor submission of this application guarantees an award.** If I am awarded a grant, I agree to complete an evaluation of my class's Outdoor Classroom experience. I understand that my grant award will not be paid until an evaluation is submitted. I also understand that this grant covers the cost of school buses only, and does not cover students or chaperones that travel separately, nor does it cover the cost of admission or other fees.*

- Please check box and initial the box to the right to accept these terms. _____ Date _____
- By checking this box, I affirm that my principal has been made aware of this funding opportunity and is supportive of this field trip and its teaching goals as outlined in this application.
Principal's name: _____ Principal's phone: _____

Please keep a copy of this application for your records. You will need to refer to it to complete an evaluation in the event you are awarded a grant.

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