

Death Valley

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Death Valley National Park

Death Valley R.O.C.K.S! Recreational Outdoor Campaign for Kids thru Study



Why We're Here The future of the Mojave Desert and our public lands depends on the next generations. Death Valley National Park is working with teachers to prepare today's students to take over the responsibility of preserving and protecting our environment. The park offers free, ranger-led, curriculum-based programs to the students of California and Nevada. Programs incorporate the state standards for education and include materials for pre, post, and onsite activities. Join us for an adventure in learning!

Day Programs

Time: Mon- Fri

Group Size: 70 students plus teachers and chaperones

Transportation: Provided by visiting school

World of the Small 3rd – 4th grade

Students and teachers explore the world of the Salt Creek Pupfish. During this trip, the students will learn what challenges face this little fish and how biologists study and manage the habitat.

Desert Survivors any grade level

Students and teachers explore the flora and fauna of Death Valley and the unique adaptations they have for survival in the desert. The area will be chosen based on your desires and the age of your students.

If you have another age group or another topic that you would like to study, let us know and we will work to create a program to meet your needs

Rockin' Out any grade level

Students and teachers explore the geologic changes that shape our Earth first hand. They will be introduced to the rock cycle, plate tectonics, and how to recognize the geologic changes that surround them. There are many wonderful areas in the park where this program can take place. The area will be chosen based on your desires and the age of your students.

Teachers are asked to conduct pre- and post-site activities



Camping Programs



Days: Mon-Wed or Wed-Fri

Group Size: 50 students plus teachers and chaperones

Transportation: Provided by school

*Financial assistance may be available

Grades: 6th – 8th *Ask about availability for other grades

Over three days and two nights, students participate in a variety of activities that will introduce them to the unique flora and fauna, geology, and history of Death Valley National Park. Thanks to the help of the Death Valley Natural History Association, we are able to provide group tents, camp stoves, cooking equipment and utensils, and cleaning supplies.

The Death Valley ROCKS! program incorporates a resources management work project in every visit. Each group of students participating in the program conducts hands-on activities designed to assist our resources staff in very real research and/or restoration. The students become immediate stakeholders in the future of Death Valley National Park.

Scheduling a Program To schedule a program, contact the Education Specialist at 760-786-3226. Registration is on a first-come/ first-served basis. Programs are offered mainly during the winter months of Oct-April.

Distance Learning



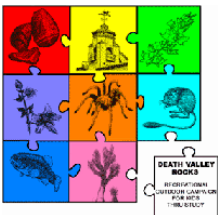
Students from around the world can learn how desert species have adapted to living in such a harsh environment through an interactive electronic field trip. Coyotes, tortoises, pupfish, and big horn sheep lead the way to discovery of adaptations, food chains, habitats, and much more!

To access the e-field trip follow the link on the Distance Learning Opportunities page of our website or go directly to www.efieldtrips.org.

Other Distance Learning Opportunities await on our webpage.:

<http://www.nps.gov/deva/forteachers/distancelearningopportunities.htm>

Curriculum Materials



Our education department has authored two original curriculum guides and have partnered with other Mojave Desert parks to create two others. These guides facilitate classroom learning about the Mojave Desert. Each guide is available for download from our website at <http://www.nps.gov/deva/forteachers/curriculummaterials.htm>

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