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Transportation Mini-Grants Available for School Field Trips to Mount Rainier National Park

Mount Rainier National Park is now accepting applications for transportation mini-grants to help subsidize bus transportation for school field trips.

Through a "Connecting Kids to Parks" grant from Washington's National Park Fund, Mount Rainier National Park will be offering several mini-grants to help subsidize transportation costs for school groups bringing students to the park during this 2009-2010 school year.

These mini-grants are intended to be cost-share subsidies for bus transportation, so that the maximum amount of students can benefit. Number and size of grants will vary, depending on how many requests we receive relative to our available funding; with most grants being in the \$100-\$300 range.


These mini-grants are made possible in an effort to increase the accessibility of park experiences for youth who may not otherwise have an opportunity to visit a national park.

In order to be considered for a field trip bus subsidy during the 2009-2010 school year, teachers need to submit the following information.

- Your Name
- Contact Information (phone, email address)
- School Name and Address
- Grade Level
- Total cost of bus transportation from your school to Mount Rainier National Park
- Requested Grant Amount
- Describe the demographics of your student population
- How many of your students have visited Mount Rainier National Park before, either on a field trip or personal outing
- Describe in detail your planned field trip and proposed course of study. Please be sure to include how this field trip will support your classroom instruction and learning objectives.
- Proposed dates of field trip
- Any additional details or compelling information that you'd like to share

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The deadline for submission for fall and winter field trips is September 23, 2009. The deadline for submission for spring field trips is February 12, 2009. Please email submission to Fawn_Bauer@nps.gov.

If you need information about the types of programs that we offer, please contact Fawn Bauer at (360) 569-6037 or at the email above.