



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
Zion National Park
Springdale, UT 84767



Academic Fee Waiver Application Guidelines

Fee waiver qualification standards:

The following criteria are defined by the National Park Service for qualification of an academic fee waiver. In order to qualify for a waiver, a group must meet all of the criteria listed below. **Please read carefully.**

- **Criteria One:** Eligibility -Current official recognition as an Educational Institution by a Federal, State, or local government entity, or other documentation attesting to educational status, such as accreditation letter or an educational tax exempt letter. It is insufficient to merely state or imply that you have this recognition. Your fee waiver **cannot** be processed without submission of this documentation.
- **Criteria Two:** Relevance -There must be a direct relationship between the purpose of the visit and the use of the park. Provide documentation demonstrating why the visit is educational and specific to Zion National Park. A course outline, lesson plan, or a copy of the course curriculum meets this requirement. To simply state the trip objectives are for “academic purposes” is insufficient. You must submit an explanation of what the academic purpose entails and how it relates to park resources.
- **Criteria Three:** Academic Purpose - Applicants must provide a written statement confirming that the visit supports a specific curriculum for which academic credit is offered. Documentation such as the course syllabus or a copy of the school’s course catalog or handbook will satisfy this requirement.

Submission of Applications:

Please mail or fax applications and all required documentation to:

Zion National Park
Fee Management Office/Fee Clerk
Springdale, UT 84767
Fax 435.772.0281

- All applications for fee waivers must be received in the Fee Management Office at least 3 weeks in advance of the anticipated visit.
- Applications that are incomplete may be denied.
- **Each vehicle must have a copy of the approved fee waiver when it arrives at the entrance station; otherwise, appropriate entrance fees will be charged.**
- Groups arriving without an approved fee waiver will be charged the appropriate entrance fee.



- **Refunds will not be granted.**

NOTE: Entrance station personnel are not authorized to approve fee waivers at the entrance stations.

For further assistance, call 435.772.0176

Additional information:

When the anticipated visit is recreational, you enter as an “organized non-commercial” group. The following, as outlined in RM-22, is then in effect:

- Organizations that are generally considered service, civic or fraternal, e.g. Scouting, Rotary, Elks and so on do NOT qualify for the academic fee waiver, unless they meet the above applicable criteria.
- Individuals 15 years of age and younger are exempt from entrance fees.
- All other individuals 16 years of age and older are charged the \$12.00 per person entrance fee. Federal Recreational Pass holders and their immediate family (parents, spouse, and children) do not have to pay the per person entrance fee.

Fee waivers do not include camping fees.

- Reservations are required for Group Camping. Group sites are available from March 20, 2008 through October 25, 2008.
- Reservations can be made by calling 1-877-444-6777 or <http://www.recreation.gov>
- Self-registration camping is available all year on a first come first serve basis for individual campsites with a limit of 6 people per camp site.

Fee Waivers do not cover the tunnel escort service fee.

- All vehicles at or above 136" high (11'4"), and/or 94" wide (7'10") require an escort for passage through the Zion Mt. Carmel tunnel.
- The fee for this service is \$15.00. This service is only available at designated times. Check at an entrance station for tunnel hours.
- The following vehicles are prohibited from passing through the park: Vehicles over 157" tall (13'1"), Single vehicles over 40' long, Combined vehicles over 50' long

Travel into Zion Canyon is by shuttle bus only from March through October.