



National Park Service
U.S. Department of the Interior

Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park

102 Elk Creek
Gunnison, CO 81230
(970) 641-2337

Academic Waiver of Entrance Fees

If you represent an academic institution, you may be eligible for a waiver of entrance fees for the adults over 15 years of age in your group (children 15 and under are free). To apply for an academic fee waiver, Title 36, Code of Federal regulations, section 71.13(d) requires that you **provide the following documentation AT LEAST TWO WEEKS PRIOR to your park visit. Failure to do so may require charging the entrance fee for the group.**

Please provide us with complete information for Numbers 1-3:

1. a) A statement confirming educational and academic tax exemption, from the IRS or the applicant's national, state or local tax authority.

OR

- b) A statement from a bona fide academic institution (from the Dean, Department Head, School Principal) confirming that the group is visiting for the purpose of providing transferable academic credit based on a curriculum.

OR

- c) A statement of accreditation, or recognition as an academic institution, from a qualified national, regional, state, or local authority for the applicant's location.

2. A statement confirming that the visit supports a specific curriculum for which **academic credit** is offered.
(Example: Class description from course catalog)

3. Completed application form (Page 2 of this form)

PLEASE BE AWARE ...

- Fee waivers are not available at entrance stations.
- Academic fee waivers do not include camping or other activity fees
- Academic fee waivers cannot be granted for hardship factors.
- Service, civic, or fraternal organizations, such as Scouting, Rotary, and Elks do not qualify for an academic fee waiver.
- "Blanket" academic fee waivers for all national parks are not issued or accepted. Groups must submit separate requests to individual parks for approval. A list of parks and contact addresses is at www.nps.gov.

Mail or fax application and supporting documentation to: **Supervisory V.U.A.**
(At least 2 weeks in advance)

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Fax (970) 240-0504

Please call (970) 249-1914 ext. 425 if you have any questions. We will notify you of the approval or disapproval application prior to your arrival. **Each vehicle must present a copy of the approved fee waiver at the park entrance station.**

Application for Academic Waiver of Entrance Fees

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Academic Institution: _____ Date of Visit: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Group Leader: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Number of Students: _____ Number of Faculty / Chaperones: _____

Course title: _____

Educational purpose of trip and specific relation to the resources at Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park:

Is this part of an accredited curriculum with transferable academic credit? YES NO

I hereby certify that the above detailed trip meets these requirements and therefore request that fees be waived. Current official documentation of recognition of affiliation as an academic institution by a Federal, State, or local government entity, or other evidence attesting to educational status is attached. It is insufficient to merely state or imply this on official letterhead. Lack of, or insufficiently prepared documentation, may result in denial of requested waiver.

Signature of Applicant

Date

IMPORTANT:

- Include additional required documentation described on page 1.
- The approval of this permit does not grant schools any rights not given to all park visitors.
- Group leaders must insure that all students know and follow park rules. A copy of park rules will be enclosed with approved form.
- This fee waiver only covers park entrance fees, not camping or other activity fees.

APPROVED

DISAPPROVED

Supervisory V.U.A.

Date