



IN REPLY REFER TO:

United States Department of the Interior

National Park Service
Carl Sandburg Home
National Historic Site
81 Carl Sandburg Lane
Flat Rock, North Carolina 28731-8635



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Dear Camp Director:

Thank you for inquiring about reservations for the *ParKids!* summer program; a program designed to engage summer camp groups in educational fun and learning opportunities. Carl Sandburg Home National Historic Site epitomizes the simplicity of life enjoyed by the Sandburg family for 22 years in Flat Rock, North Carolina. The following information will help you plan your visit and make your time here as enjoyable as the Sandburg's:

Summer camp group reservations can be made for groups having a maximum of 60 persons (including counselors). Please contact the park at least three weeks in advance. Dates are Wednesday through Friday.

There is a \$5.00 charge for each adult 16 years and older, \$3.00 for adults 62 years and older, *to tour the house*. There is no charge for visitors younger than 16 years of age; there is no fee to tour the grounds. Fee waivers may be granted to groups visiting from an educational or therapeutic institution.

The following is a peek at some of the activities available at the park during your visit:

Ranger-Led *ParKids!* Activities: From house tours, barn tours and live performances, visit Carl Sandburg Home NHS and enjoy a morning of exploration and fun with your own park ranger for the morning!

***ParKids!* Discovery Backpacks:** Hiking the trails? Make sure to sign out a discovery backpack! Discovery backpacks are filled with easy self-led activities to make your hike fun and educational. Activities contain easy to follow instructions for any camp leader to use! Students will have the chance to use binoculars, magnifying glasses and more!

Bookstore: Eastern National, in cooperation with the National Park Service, maintains a bookstore with a great variety of books, educational materials as well as goat milk fudge, cheese and water.

We appreciate your interest!



ParKids! Request Form

**This form should be used for summer camps who would like to visit Carl Sandburg Home NHS*

Person completing form: _____ Today's date: _____

Requested date: _____ 2nd Choice: _____

** Note: Reservations must be made at least three weeks in advance*

of students: _____ # of Adults: _____

** Note: Max. (60 persons for day camps ages 6-13 years, this includes counselors and leaders)*

Does your group have any special needs: _____

Select all activities you would like to do: (Limit of four activities per day)

- All Ages **Connemara Farm Visit:** Tour Connemara Farm and learn about what it was like raising goats with the Sandburg family! *Max three 30 min tours of 20 individuals per tour.*
- Recommended 7 yrs & up **Guided House Tour:** Explore the home where Carl Sandburg and his family lived for 22 years! Special house rules can make the tour difficult for the wee ones! *Max three 30 min tours of 20 individuals per tour.*
- All Ages **Sandburg Summer Stage Performances:** Apprentice Actors from the Flat Rock Playhouse School of the Drama perform 30 min selections from Carl Sandburg's *Rootabaga Stories* and *The World of Carl Sandburg*. The *Rootabaga Stories* are performed **Thursday** and **Saturday**. *The World of Carl Sandburg* is performed **Wednesday** and **Friday**. **Performances are open to the public and seating is first-come first-served.**
- All Ages **ParKids! Stage Performance:** Now it's your turn! After watching the summer performances have your group perform *Sandburg Adventures* on stage. Everyone will have fun in this zany performance! *Max 1 program of 60 individuals.*
- All Ages **Pencils, Puzzles & Poems:** Enjoy some down time in our house garage where youth can complete a variety of activities from puzzles, to poetry writing or listening to Sandburg's *Rootabaga Stories* on CD. *Max three 30 min sessions of 20 individuals per session.*

Please check the boxes below that apply to your group's visit:

- Our group is planning on eating a picnic lunch on the grounds of Carl Sandburg Home NHS
- Our group is planning on hiking the trails at Carl Sandburg Home NHS and would like to borrow a Discovery Backpack. These backpacks are filled with items such as guides, binoculars and self-guided activities.

Program Director:	
Camp Name:	Address:
Phone:	E-mail:

Please send completed forms to the Education Coordinator via fax at (828)-693-4179

