

# Carlsbad Caverns

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New Mexico  
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## Application for School Fee Waiver\*

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Fieldtrip (You are encouraged to request alternate dates in case your first choice is not available.):

First Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Choice: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Students: \_\_\_\_\_ [# of Chaperones](#) (no more than 10 students per chaperone): \_\_\_\_\_

[Program you wish to attend](#) (linked file): \_\_\_\_\_

Program time: (Note that two program times may need to be requested for large groups.): \_\_\_\_\_

Time of Arrival (Please note that the park is on Mountain Time. Allow for delays and add 20 minutes of travel time to park visitor center from Whites City.): \_\_\_\_\_

Special Needs, if any: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*In addition to the above information, please attach a letter on school letterhead describing the relationship between your class curriculum and park resources, as well as a signed copy of the Visitor Rules.**

**All documents may be faxed to the education office at 505.785.2133.**

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## Visitor Rules

**Please read the following visitor rules to all participating classes, sign and send back with your application:**

Park staff wants this to be an enjoyable visit for you and your students. Please review the following rules before your trip to Carlsbad Caverns National Park:

1. Students must stay with adult chaperones at all times. Each chaperone may have **NO MORE THAN 10 (ten)** students. Each adult should be assigned a group of students and must maintain control of that group.
2. *Stay on the cave trail at all times;* the cave floor is very delicate and can be hazardous.
3. *Talk quietly* to allow yourself and others to enjoy the cave's natural silence.
4. Cave pools are not wishing wells. *Do not throw anything in the pools.* Foreign materials introduce new bacteria. The native bacteria may not be able to compete with the foreign bacteria, and thus, may be eliminated.
5. *Tobacco use of any kind is not permitted* anywhere in the caves.
6. *Gum, food and drinks (other than plain water) are not allowed* on the cave trail system. The odor from gum and food can attract animals not normally found in the cave. Once they are in the cave, they often cannot find their way out.
7. *Do not touch cave formations, walls, or ceilings.* Oils and dirt from hands can permanently damage and stain the caves.
8. *Do not collect anything natural to the park.*

A fee waiver may be revoked and a bill for collection sent to your school if your group does not follow the rules and/or behaves inappropriately.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_