

Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore

BUS TRANSPORTATION

Grant Application



A limited amount of funds may be available to help cover the cost of transportation from your school to Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore for a ranger-led, academic field trip. Grants are administered by the Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes, a non-profit, charitable organization supporting Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore. The grants awarded may not cover all of your transportation costs. Money from your school, PTA, or your own fund-raising efforts may be needed to make up the difference. Please communicate directly with your bus company in order to provide us with the most accurate cost estimate.

To be considered, this form must be returned to slbe_education@nps.gov by October 23rd, 2017 along with a **Field Trip Request Form**. You may also mail the forms to Attn: Education Technician, Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore, 9922 West Front Street, Empire, MI, 49630.

School name: _____ Teacher name: _____

Phone number: _____ Teacher email: _____

School address (street, city, state, zip): _____

Grant Criteria

Criteria may vary based on the field trip. Transportation grants will be awarded competitively based on the following:

1. Cost Efficiency (lowest cost, considering number of students and distance travelled).
2. Reasons financial support is needed.
3. Preference may be given to classes that are first-time visitors to the National Lakeshore.

Grade(s): _____ Number of students/grade: _____ Total number of students: _____

Has your class visited the national lakeshore before? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Title I ☐ Tribal School % Free/reduced Lunch _____ % ESL Students _____

Briefly describe why your group needs financial support for bus transportation. _____

Transportation Estimate

When calculating the bus transportation estimate, please use the address for the Philip A. Hart Visitor Center, located at 9922 West Front Street, Empire, MI, 49630. Please also note that the bus(es) will drive an additional 6-10 miles during the field trip.

Number of buses: _____ Total \$ Amount requested: _____

Grant recipients will be notified by **October 30th, 2017**. **Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes will only pay the amount agreed upon in the grant award.** If bus invoices exceed this amount, schools will be responsible for making up the difference. To receive the funds, you must send an invoice AFTER the trip has been completed to: Friends of Sleeping Bear Dunes, Inc. Attn: Don McNew, P.O. Box 545, Empire, MI, 49630.

Signature: _____ Date: _____