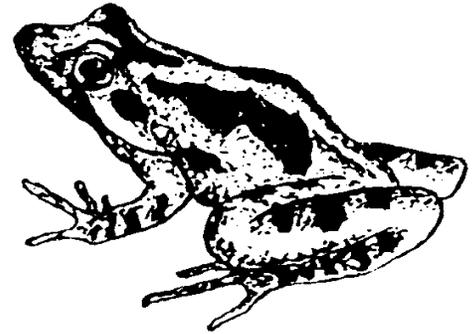




## Applying for a Fee Waiver

Everglades National Park is a tremendous source of inspiration and learning. Many groups visiting the park have discovered the unique opportunities this outdoor classroom provides.

The park commonly receives requests to waive admission fees for visiting groups. When possible, the park may issue fee waivers to educational or scientific institutions. The procedures for obtaining such a waiver are outlined below for your convenience.



### Applying for a Fee Waiver



Educational or scientific institutions may apply for an entrance fee waiver. To qualify, applications must contain the following:

1. Provide current, official documentation of recognition as an educational institution by a federal, state, or local government entity, or other evidence attesting to educational status (i.e., accreditation letter or educational tax exempt letter). It is insufficient to merely state or imply this on official letterhead. **Your fee waiver will not be processed without this documentation.**
2. Copy the application on the reverse of this page onto your institutional letterhead. Complete the application and mail or fax it along with your official recognition as an educational institution.

3. There must be a direct relationship between the visit purpose and the use of the park. The visit must be to study some aspect/resource specific to the park. A general statement to the effect that the visit is for “educational purposes” is insufficient by itself. An explanation of what the educational purpose entails and how it is related to park resources is required. Course outlines, lesson plans, or a copy of the curriculum meet this requirement.



### Protecting the Park



Review the following rules and safety precautions so students and chaperones will know what is expected of them.

**Respect the wildlife:** Loud noises are discouraged. Throwing objects at, feeding, and harassing park animals are strictly prohibited.

**Respect the home and food sources of the wildlife:** Please leave all plants, rocks, shells, or other natural objects in the park. Place litter where it belongs and encourage recycling.

**Respect each other:** Running, pushing, and yelling are not allowed on the trails. Stay with your class and always have adults lead and bring up the end of the line.

**Respect the right of others to enjoy their national park:** Loud noises and other disruptive behavior on the trails can spoil the experience for other visitors. *Buses and other loud motor vehicles should turn off their engines when parked at trail heads.*

Groups that do not comply with park regulations will be contacted by a ranger and future fee waiver requests may be denied.

### Fee Waiver Entitlements



**Fee waivers entitle the entrance of one chaperone for every ten students** (or one chaperone for every five for special needs groups). Any additional chaperones will be required to pay the \$5.00 per person fee for the Shark Valley or Main Entrance Station.

Applications must be received 2 weeks in advance of the anticipated visit. Fee waivers will not be given at the entrance stations and refunds will not be granted.

If the application is approved, the group’s official will receive a copy of the application with an approval signature. Each vehicle must present a copy of the approved fee waiver at the park entrance station. **Fees will not be waived for vehicles who do not have a copy of the waiver.**

**The entrance fee waiver does not entitle your group to any special ranger presentations.**

# Application for Educational Fee Waiver

Copy onto institutional letterhead and complete.

Mail or Fax application to: Everglades National Park, Attention: Debbie Lane, Fee Program Manager  
40001 State Road 9336, Homestead, FL 33034

Fax: (305) 242-7716 Tel: 305-242-7745

You must have this fee waiver in your possession when arriving at the park's entrance station.  
Each vehicle in the group must present a copy of the approved application.

Name of institution \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Official in charge of group \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Number of students \_\_\_\_\_ Where will you enter the park \_\_\_\_\_

Number of faculty/chaperones \_\_\_\_\_ Number of vehicles \_\_\_\_\_

Date of arrival \_\_\_\_\_ Time of arrival \_\_\_\_\_ # of days in park \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Course Title, Catalog Number, and Description or Grade Level and Subject Matter**

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**2. Explain the educational purpose of the trip. What aspect/resource of the park is to be studied:**

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\_\_\_\_\_

**3. I understand that the Code of Federal Regulations allows Fee Waivers only for educational and/or scientific institutions that are using the park for educational purposes. 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 educational institution by a Federal, State or local government entity, or other evidence attesting to educational status is attached (e.g., *accreditation letter, educational tax exempt letter*).**

Print name \_\_\_\_\_ Title/Position \_\_\_\_\_

Sign \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

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## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE APPROVAL

Required Documentation  
Type \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Park Official: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_