



United States Department of the Interior

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE



FLORISSANT FOSSIL BEDS NATIONAL MONUMENT

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Educational Entrance Fee Waiver

National Park Service (NPS) regulations allow school groups and other *bona fide* national and international educational institutions to obtain a waiver of park entrance fees, provided that the visit is for educational or scientific purposes, and the resources or facilities the group proposes to use supports those purposes.

Educational fee waivers are not granted automatically. Applicant groups must show they qualify for the waiver. There are three criteria the group must meet to qualify for an educational fee waiver: eligibility, educational purpose, and relevance of park resources or facilities.

1. Eligibility

Applicants must prove they are a *bona fide* educational or scientific institution by presenting one of the following types of documentation:

- A statement confirming educational or scientific tax-exemption, from the IRS or the applicant's national, state, or local tax authority; or
- A statement from a *bona fide* educational institution meeting one of these eligibility standards, confirming that the group is visiting for the purpose of providing transferable educational credit bases on a curriculum; or,
- A statement of accreditation, or recognition as an educational institution from a qualified national, regional, state, or local authority for the applicant's location.

2. Educational Purpose of the Visit

Applicants must provide a written statement confirming that the visit supports a specific curriculum for which academic credit is offered.

3. Relevance of Park Resources or Facilities

Applicants must provide a written statement identifying the park resources and/or facilities that will be used to support the educational purpose of the visit, and how they are relevant to that purpose.

To apply for an educational fee waiver, complete the enclosed application.

Organizations that are generally considered service, civic or fraternal, e.g. Scouting, Rotary, Elks, etc do not qualify for the education fee waiver unless the group meets the applicable criteria above.



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Please fill out completely. Fax, mail, Email to address above.
IMPORTANT: Applications must be received at least 2 weeks before the school visit.

Name of school: _____

Address of school: _____

Name of Sanctioning School Official (i.e. Principal): _____

Group Leader / Trip Organizer: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____ Email Address: _____

Today's Date _____ Date(s) of visit to park _____ Grade level of students: _____

of students: _____ # of school employees: _____ # of volunteers/chaperones _____

Have you scheduled a ranger-guided program? YES NO NOT YET

For College Courses

Course # _____ Credits received for course _____

Course Description _____

For K-12

Lesson plan or outline to describe how your visit relates to the study of resources at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument (ex geology, paleontology, lessons on plant and animal adaptations, etc.)

For office use only: ACCEPTED

DENIED

MORE INFO NEEDED