

FEE WAIVER APPLICATION GUIDELINES

GUADALUPE MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK

Granting of Entrance Fee Waivers: Entrance fees can be waived for those groups who provide documentation of educational status on official letterhead, and whose proposed visit relates directly to resources found only in the park. A written explanation of what the purpose entails and how it relates to the park resource is required.

Granting of Campground Fee Waivers: Section 71.13 (d), Code of Federal Regulations requires that: "The use of any recreational facilities for which a fee waiver is requested must relate directly to scientific or educational purposes of the visit and may not be primarily for recreational purposes." A National Park Service review of camping fee waivers concluded that camping is basically recreational in nature and generally not essential to a group achieving its educational goal and objectives. In general, requests for camping fee waivers are rarely granted, even for bona fide scientific or educational groups.

Entrance Fee Waiver Qualification Standards: School groups or outings conducted for educational or scientific purposes by schools or other bona fide educational institutions can qualify for an entrance fee waiver if they submit the following information.

1. A letter requesting waiver of entrance fees on official letterhead and signed by an official representative of the institution.
2. A statement which relates the purpose of the proposed visit to resources unique and specific to Guadalupe Mountains National Park, accompanied by lesson plans, course descriptions, daily activity schedules, etc., which indicate planned educational use of those resources inside the park.

Please complete the attached form and mail or fax with all supporting documentation to:

Chief Ranger
Guadalupe Mountains National Park
400 Pine Canyon
Salt Flat, Texas 79847

Fax: 915-828-3269

If there are questions regarding any of the above, please call (915) 828-3251 Monday through Friday from 8 A.M. to 4:30 P.M.

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APPLICATION FOR WAIVER OF ENTRANCE FEES

1. Name and address of educational institution sponsoring tour:

Phone: _____

Fax: _____

2. Official in charge of group: _____

3. Number of students: _____ Number of adult sponsors: _____ (It is suggested that school groups have at least one adult sponsor for every 10 students.)

4. Date of visit: _____

5. State briefly educational or scientific objectives that you hope to accomplish through this visit:

6. Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

7. E-mail of Applicant: _____

For Official Use Only:

Waiver of Entrance Fees Approved _____

Waiver of Entrance Fees Denied _____

Signature of Park Official: _____ Date: _____

Authority for waiver of Federal recreation fees is provided for in the code of federal Regulations, Title 36, Part 71, Section 71.13 (d). Exceptions, exclusions, and exemptions as stated below:

“No Federal recreation fee shall be charged for commercial or other activities not related to recreation, including, but not limited to, organized tours or outings conducted for educational or scientific purposes related to the resources of the area visited by bona fide institutions established for these purposes. Applicants for waiver of fees on this basis will be required to provide documentation of their official recognition as educational or scientific institutions by Federal, State, or local government bodies and will also be required to provide a statement as to the purposes of the visit proposed. The use of any recreation facilities for which a fee waiver is requested must relate directly to scientific or educational purposes of the visit and may not be primarily for recreational purposes. No Federal recreation fee shall be charged any hospital inmate actively involved in medical treatment or therapy in the area visited.”