



# Youth Arts in the Parks

## 2014 Nature Festival

Discover the diversity of Appalachian ecology through explorations of the park. Join us for a **FREE** field trip to New River Gorge National River at Grandview! **Transportation costs will be paid** by the park on a first come first served basis.

**What?** The National Park Service is proud to sponsor a day of artistic, educational activities for middle school students to learn from nature while IN it!

**Who?** 6th – 8th grade, 7 to 8 classes (20 to 25 students per class)

**When?** April 8 or 9, 2014 from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM  
(all participants should bring a sack lunch and a beverage)

**Where?** Grandview area of  
New River Gorge National River

### Students will:

- Gain a greater understanding of and appreciation for the natural diversity of their region and the resources of the park.
- Engage in art projects in the park to increase their personal understanding of nature and artistic mediums.
- Identify trees, flowers, and birds through field study using field guide books and binoculars.
- Learn Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics and practice it during their visit.

**Questions?** Contact Robin Snyder, 304-465-6523 or [robin\\_snyder@nps.gov](mailto:robin_snyder@nps.gov)

### Activities touch on science, art, and English:

Activities are all based around a theme of discovery of Appalachian ecology through exploration of the park, particularly spring wildflowers! Students will rotate through activity stations where they will participate in a variety of hands-on activities including:

- Watercolor wildflower painting
- Nature photography
- Plant and animal identification through field study using field guide books and binoculars
- Investigation and exploration of current resources challenges and potential solutions
- Creative writing and more!

### Registration:

Youth Arts in the Parks is open to 200 middle school students. Schools will be selected on a first-to-register basis. **Transportation costs can be paid by the park.**

### Registration Deadline: Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

To register: please print this form, complete the section below and fax it to Robin Snyder at 304-465-0591 or email the information below to [robin\\_snyder@nps.gov](mailto:robin_snyder@nps.gov)

My class will attend the Youth Arts in the Park Nature Festival - Grandview. Date:  April 8<sup>th</sup>  April 9<sup>th</sup>

School name: \_\_\_\_\_ Transportation costs needed:  Yes  No

Approximate # of students attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade levels of students participating:  6<sup>th</sup>  7<sup>th</sup>  8<sup>th</sup>

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher phone and best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

