

Youth Arts in the Parks



2015 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 21 or 22, 2015 from 9:00 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 Mark Bollinger, 304-640-8731 or mark_bollinger@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: Thursday, April 2, 2015

To register: please print this form, complete the section below and fax it to Mark Bollinger at 304-466-9194 or email the information below to mark_bollinger@nps.gov



My class will attend the Youth Arts in the Park Nature Festival - Grandview. Date: April 21 April 22

School name: _____ Transportation costs needed: Yes No

Approximate # of students attending: _____ Grade levels of students participating: 6th 7th 8th

Teacher Name: _____

Teacher e-mail: _____

Teacher phone and best time to call: _____

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