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## Padre Island National Seashore Academic Fee Waiver Information

### Criteria for Approving Requests for Academic Fee Waivers

Academic Fee Waivers are for outings conducted for non-commercial educational purposes by schools and other bona fide academic institutions. Educational groups must apply and meet the criteria to receive a fee waiver. **There are three criteria to qualify for an academic fee waiver: bona fide academic institution, educational purpose and relevance of park resources or facilities.** Please read carefully. Your application package must contain the following documentation:

#### 1. Eligibility

Applicants must prove they are a bona fide academic institution by submitting the following:

- A statement from an accredited educational institution confirming that the group is visiting for the purpose of providing academic credit based on a curriculum.
- A statement of accreditation or recognition as an educational institution from a legitimate international, national, regional, state, or local authority for the applicant's location.

#### 2. Educational Purpose of the Visit

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

#### 3. Relevance of Park Resources or Facilities

Relevance to park resources must be described. (In other words, explain why your activities must be done at the national seashore.) 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.

#### Home Schools

Home schools may be granted fee waivers based on the course of study following the procedures above, as long as they meet their state's requirements for home schools.

*NOTE: Not-for-profit groups such as service, civic, fraternal organizations, scouts, 4-H, Road Scholar etc., do not typically qualify for an academic fee waiver.*

#### General Guidelines

Please complete the following Fee Waiver Application Form using the criteria described above, and return it to us as soon as possible. If approved, an educational fee waiver will be e-mailed to you. Allow 4-6 weeks for processing.



National Park Service  
U.S. Department of the Interior

Padre Island  
National Seashore

P.O. Box 181300  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78480

361-949-8173 phone  
361-949-7091 fax

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Application must be received 4-6 weeks in advance of your visit. Please e-mail the fee waiver to [Kelly\\_Taylor@nps.gov](mailto:Kelly_Taylor@nps.gov) **Each vehicle must have a copy of this waiver.**

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**Academic Institution:**

**Student Grade level:**

**Address:**

**Coordinator's name:**

**Email:**

**Phone:**

**Date of visit:**

**Number of students:**

**Number of chaperones:**

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**1) Eligibility:**

**2) Educational purpose:**

**3) Relevance:** *(If your group is participating in ranger guided activities, please list them below. If conducting teacher-led activities, please document how the visit is educational and relevant to Padre Island National Seashore. In other words, explain why your activities must be done at the national seashore. You may attach a lesson plan, catalogue description or other supporting documentation.)*

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Trip Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Waiver Approved? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of park official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Padre Island National Seashore Academic Fee Waiver Information

### Example

**Academic Institution:** Top Notch School

**Student Grade level:** 3rd

**Address:** We're #1 Way Corpus Christi, TX 78480

**Coordinator's name:** Seymore Pedagogy

**Email:** Awesomefieldtrip@gmail.com

**Phone:** 410-000-0000

**Date of visit:** 1/1/2012

**Number of students:** 45

**Number of chaperones:**9

**There are three criteria to qualify for an academic fee waiver: eligibility, educational purpose, and relevance of park resources or facilities**

- 1) **Eligibility:** Top Notch School Tax exempt I.D.# 12345678910
- 2) **Educational purpose:** The trip supports TEKS curriculum standards: 3.5.D, 3.1.B, 3.8.C, 3.8.A, 3.2.D, 3.7.A
- 3) **Relevance:** If attending National Park Service Ranger-led field studies programs, list them here. If conducting a teacher-led program, document how the visit is educational and relevant to **Padre Island National Seashore**. In other words, explain why your activities must be done at the national seashore? **You may attach lesson plan, catalog description or other supporting documentation.**

Top Notch School teacher-led lesson plan:

**Theme-** The constantly changing landforms on Padre Island challenge island inhabitants to use adaptive behavior.

**Objectives:** students will be able to:

- Describe the geologic processes responsible for forming TX barrier islands.
- Explain the processes responsible for island migration
- List three examples of adaptive behavior exhibited by island animals.

**Itinerary:**

9:30 Arrive at Malaquite Visitor Center and explore exhibits for 45 min.

10:15- Geomorphology tour and teacher planned activities on Malaquite Beach

12:00- Lunch

1:00- Beach clean up

2:00- return to school

Trip Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Fee Waiver Approved? \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of park official: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_