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IMPORTANT LETTER REGARDING EDUCATIONAL FEE WAIVERS

Growing demands for interpretive/educational programs by educational groups as well as general park visitors has presented our parks with a particularly difficult challenge. As you can imagine in response to the number of requests we receive every month for school groups and educational talks/programs, it is imperative that proper planning begin as soon as possible to ensure a positive experience and that your educational expectations are met.

REQUIREMENTS

1. Educational Fee Waivers will be accepted for educational programs on **TUESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY and SATURDAY only**. No exceptions will be granted.
2. Schools may attend the orientation talks at the park’s amphitheater at **10:30am, 1:30pm or 2:30pm**, and must be on time to attend these programs. If your group cannot attend a scheduled program you may participate in the self-guided walk through the park.
3. Schools must fully complete and submit the Educational Fee Waiver Application a minimum of two (2) weeks in advance of a requested/ planned visit to the park, no exceptions will be granted. Please allow a minimum of five (5) days for email confirmation of receipt and approval of the application. The park’s preference for communication is through email. The Educational Fee Waiver Application Criteria and Instructions are also attached.
4. The driver of each vehicle must present a copy of the approved waiver to the ranger at the Entrance Station upon arrival to the park.

Documents required:

- a. **School eligibility (accreditation)**
- b. **Detailed itinerary (arrival/departure times and date)**
- c. **Statement of educational purpose and relevance of park resources and significance**

All required documents must be submitted with the application. If your application is incomplete, a declination letter will be sent to you and if time permits you are welcome to resubmit with the proper documents. We regret that we are unable to walk every school through each step of the application process.

PICNIC AREA USE

IMPORTANT:

- a. **BUS ACCESS TO THE PICNIC AREA IS PROHIBITED**
- b. **APPROVED EDUCATIONAL FEE WAIVER GROUPS ARE LIMITED TO 50 PERSONS**

The picnic area is designed to accommodate small groups with one picnic table per site and one site allowed per group on a first-come, first-served basis. Groups larger than 50 exceed the carrying capacity of the area and impact our resources. They also pose a greater risk to safe and efficient operations in the park, including visitor safety. Special rules apply to groups that use the picnic area. These rules will be included with the waiver; you are required to become familiar with these regulations prior to your visit.

Violators of terms and/or conditions of an Educational Fee Waiver permit will be subject to contact by Law Enforcement and prosecution under 36CFR1.6 (g) (2).

FEDERAL REGULATION FOR EDUCATIONAL FEE WAIVER

An educational fee waiver is an exemption for “outings conducted for non-commercial educational purposes by schools and other *bona fide* academic institutions”. “The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA) allows these outings to receive a waiver of park entrance fees. A *bona fide* academic institution is one that is genuine and applies for the fee waiver in good faith, without fraud or deceit.” Academic Fee waivers are not granted automatically. Educational groups must apply and meet the criteria to receive a fee waiver. The three criteria are: eligibility, educational purpose, and relevance of park resources or facilities. (RM22 10.1.3) Additionally, we require a detailed itinerary of your park visit day’s plans.

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ATTACHMENTS

Educational Fee Waiver Criteria and Instructions

Educational Fee Waiver Application

Picnic Area Rules and Regulations