Fee Waiver Policy

Fee Waiver Policy: Fee waiver procedures at White Sands National Monument will follow the guidelines as stated in the Federal Register, Volume 39, Number 180 on Monday, September 16, 1974 section 18.13.

Educational or Scientific Purposes:

"...#3. No federal recreation fee shall be charged for commercial or other activities not related to recreation, including, but not limited toorganized 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 a statement as to the purposes of the visit proposed. The use of any recreation facility 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 for any hospital inmate actively involved in medical treatment or therapy in the area visited."

Federal, State, or Local Government Business:

"...#4. No entrance fee shall be charged to any person or persons conducting Federal, State, or Local government business."

Request a Fee Waiver:

1) Visit our website at www.nps.gov/whsa/forteachers.htm to download the Fee Waiver Application.
2) Submit the Fee Waiver Application with original signature as a scanned PDF file to WHSA_education@nps.gov at least TWO weeks in advance of the requested visit.
2) Meet the necessary recognition as a scientific or educational institution or group.
3) Provide written documentation on the Fee Waiver Application that the primary purpose of the proposed visit is a curriculum-based educational activity directly related to the monument's unique resources.
4) Indicate that any use of the recreational facilities is directly related to the scientific or educational purpose of the visit.
5) Visit our website at www.nps.gov/whsa at least 24 hours in advance to check for potential missile tests affecting park closures.

Monument Regulations:

The mission of the National Park System and White Sands National Monument is "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations." DO NOT collect any sand, rock, or any other natural or archeological objects. All things in the monument are protected. Help keep the area clean by using fire grills and refuse containers. Vehicles are restricted to the roads and parking areas. Pets must be on a leash and physically restrained at all times while in the monument.

Safety Tips:

Natural conditions at White Sands can be hazardous. Sand that is tunneled into collapses easily, causing rapid suffocation. Sand surfing is a fun but a potentially hazardous sport, so please be careful. It is easy to become lost and disoriented when hiking, especially during sandstorms. If hiking away from roads or trails, take along a buddy. Let someone know where you are going, and when you expect to be back. Pedestrians in the picnic areas should be careful of heavy traffic. Remain alert and watch your children. Please have children and adults bring plenty of water, snacks, hats, and sunscreen.

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Application for Waiver of Entrance Fees

Please answer all questions and give accurate or best estimate on numbers and times. Thank you.

Name of applicant (individual in charge of group) _____ Name of school/organization/agency/institution _____

Address of school/agency/organization/institution _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

School phone number _____ School fax number _____ Individual cell number _____

email: _____ Permission to add to education mailing list: Yes ☐ No ☐

Basis for requesting waiver (provide exact common core or state standards that will be met while visiting the monument):

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Number of students: _____ Number of adults: _____ Grade of group: _____ Trip date: _____ Arrival time: _____

Method of travel: Number of BUSES: _____ Number of VANS: _____ Number of PRIVATE VEHICLES: _____

I certify that this visit is directly related to the educational or scientific activities of the institution I am representing and the primary purpose of the visit is to study the resources of White Sands National Monument. I am responsible for the safety, behavior, and well-being of the group. I have read the regulations and safety tips relating to the park on the second page of this form and agree, if the waiver is granted, that I and my group will comply with all the conditions stated therein.

Check box if you agree with the terms of this waiver.

Signature of group leader: _____

Please return application by email to WHSA_education@nps.gov

Request a free ranger presentation! Would you like a ranger to speak to your group? YES ☐ NO ☐

Topic of presentation: ☐ Geology ☐ Plants ☐ Animals ☐ Cultural History (Check one) Length of presentation (15-45 minutes available) _____

Every effort will be made to provide a ranger to speak to groups requesting a program. The applicant must check the Visiting Schools Calendar at *www.nps.gov/whsa/forteachers/* 14 days prior to date of visit to confirm ranger availability.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE, WHITE SANDS NATIONAL MONUMENT
In accordance with the Land and Water Conservation Act of 1965, 78 STAT 897 and as amended by the Act of July 11, 1972, 86 STAT 459 the fee is waived for entrance fee only and does not give or imply permission for activities outside the rules and regulations applying to the use of White Sands National Monument.

Approved _____ Not Approved _____ Explanation for denial _____

Approved by (Ranger signature) _____ Date _____

THIS (signed) FEE WAIVER MUST BE PRESENTED UPON ENTRANCE TO THE MONUMENT.