



Zion Outreach

Zion Outreach is a program in which park rangers visit schools in surrounding communities and conduct curriculum-based programs for third, fourth, and fifth grade students. Park staff use a variety of educational techniques and approaches to improve understanding and retention of the associated subject matter. Programs may include PowerPoint presentations, games, discussions, and/or activities. Pre-arrival packets containing pre- and post visit activities will be supplied to all participating classes. All programs are between 45-60 minutes long.

Third Grade – Home Sweet Home

All living things have specific requirements in order to call a place home. Using the habitats of Zion National Park as examples, students will learn how living and nonliving members of an environment are connected. Students will uncover these relationships and the role change may play in their development.

Fourth Grade – Surviving Zion

Due to its unique landforms and variation in elevation, Zion National Park possesses a number of diverse ecosystems found throughout Utah. Students will discover the adaptations of plants and animals that enable them to survive in Zion's wetlands, deserts, and/or forests.

Fifth Grade – Changing Landscapes

Landscapes are continually altered and reshaped by natural processes. Zion National Park contains tremendous examples of Earth's constantly changing surface and the geologic processes responsible. Students will explore how geological processes such as sedimentation, weathering, erosion, and uplift shape Zion and much of southern Utah.

Available Dates and Scheduling

Outreach programs are offered Monday through Friday during the following available dates in 2013.

Third Grade: January 14 to February 15

Fourth Grade: February 18 to March 28

Fifth Grade: April 2 to May 3

Reservation forms must be received by email, mail, or fax by Friday, October 26, 2012. If your school has multiple classes interested in participating, please coordinate your requests and submit your reservation forms together. Space is limited.

For additional information or questions, please call the Zion Education Office at (435) 772-0165.