

## PLANNING YOUR VISIT – PLEASE READ FULLY BEFORE APPLYING ENTRANCE & CAMPING FEES

- An approved fee waiver must be in your possession and in each vehicle upon entering the park. Groups and/or vehicles arriving without an approved fee waiver will be charged the non-commercial fee of \$20.00 per person for individuals age 16 years and older. Annual and Lifetime passes will be accepted. No refunds will be issued. Entrance Station personnel are not authorized to approve fee waiver applications.
- Academic fee waivers do not include camping fees.
  - Group Camping is available by reservation April – October. Reservations can be made at <http://www.recreation.gov> or by calling 1-877-444-6777. Group site reservations can be made one year in advance at the Watchman campground and 14 days in advance at the South Campground.
- An academic fee waiver automatically covers two chaperones. Additional chaperones must fall within the below ratios. Groups requesting ratios outside the approved amounts must address why and will be approved/denied on a case by case basis.

Chaperone/Student Ratio	College	9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> – 8 <sup>th</sup>	K – 5 <sup>th</sup>
Minimum	1:30	1:15	1:10	1:7
Maximum	1:20	1:10	1:5	1:3

### TUNNEL ESCORT FEES (NOT Included With ACADEMIC FEE WAIVERS)

- All vehicles at or above 136" high (11'4") and/or 94" wide (7'10") require an escort for passage through the Zion Mt. Carmel tunnel. The following vehicles are prohibited from passing through the park: Vehicles over 157" tall (13'1"), Single vehicles over 40' long, Combined vehicles over 50' long
- The fee for this service is \$15.00. This service is only available at designated times. Check at an entrance station for tunnel hours. Credit card, cash or check is accepted.

### GROUP SIZE LIMITS

The following areas have limits on the number of individuals a group may have on the trail at any given time. If your group is larger than the maximum number provided, you will need to split your group and rotate use of the trail. Hiking in intervals is *not* permitted. The first group must be clear of the trail before the second group accesses the trail.

- Maximum: 50 persons  
Court of the Patriarchs, Grotto Trail (between Lodge and Grotto), Kayenta, Lower Emerald Pool, Pa'rus, Paved portion of Riverside Walk (Groups may not enter the Virgin River at the end of the paved trail), Weeping Rock, West Rim to Scouts Lookout (Groups may not continue to Angel's Landing)
- Maximum: 15 persons  
Canyon Overlook, Upper Emerald Pool, Narrows Trail from Riverside Walk up to Orderville Canyon, Timber Creek, Watchman, Weeping Rock trailhead to Observation Point, Weeping Rock trailhead to mouth of Hidden Canyon (not into canyon), West Rim to Angel's Landing (starting at Grotto trailhead), West Rim from Scout's lookout north for ¼ mile
- Wilderness Trails  
Structured and/or formally guided activities facilitated by educational, commercial, or like organizations are authorized to only occur on frontcountry trails. Such activities are not authorized to take place in park wilderness/backcountry areas (Primitive and Pristine Zones).

### PARKING (NOT MORE THAN ONE BUS AT ANY ONE TIME)

- Zion National Park has a mandatory shuttle early spring through late fall and some holidays for the Zion Canyon Scenic Drive. Groups arriving in vehicles other than buses will need to park and ride the shuttle. For exact information regarding the shuttle please see [www.nps.gov/zion/planyourvisit/shuttle-system.htm](http://www.nps.gov/zion/planyourvisit/shuttle-system.htm) or call the park information line at (435) 772-3256.
- When the shuttle is not running you may park in any legal parking space, marked for the appropriate vehicle size, within the park with the following exceptions; Vehicles over 19 feet are not permitted at Weeping Rock or Canyon Overlook.
- Buses are permitted to park at the following locations. The maximum number of buses allowed at each location is indicated by (#). Please plan on sharing these with other school groups. Zion Human History Museum (2), Zion Lodge (4), Grotto Picnic Area (2), Weeping Rock (2), Temple of Sinawava (2).



# Zion National Park Academic Fee Waiver Request

Name of Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Instructor / Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Students \_\_\_\_\_ Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Faculty/Chaperones \_\_\_\_\_

Total Vehicles: Coach/ Bus \_\_\_\_\_ Mini Bus \_\_\_\_\_ Van \_\_\_\_\_ Auto \_\_\_\_\_

Class/Course Title \_\_\_\_\_

Specific Park Area(s) to be visited \_\_\_\_\_

Please submit all Academic Fee Waiver requests, with the required documentation for all three criteria below, no later than 30 days prior to the proposed date of visit.

- Criteria One: Academic Purpose** - Applicants must provide a written statement confirming that the visit supports a specific curriculum for which academic credit is offered. *Documentation such as the course syllabus or a copy of the school's course catalog or handbook will satisfy this requirement.*
- Criteria Two: Relevance** - There must be a direct relationship between the purpose of the visit and the use of the park. Provide documentation demonstrating why the visit is educational and specific to Zion National Park. A course outline, lesson plan, or a copy of the course curriculum meets this requirement. To simply state the trip objectives are for "academic purposes" is insufficient. *You must demonstrate what the academic purpose entails and how it relates to park resources.*
- Criteria Three: Eligibility** - Current official recognition as an Educational Institution by a Federal, State, or local government entity, or other documentation attesting to educational status, such as accreditation letter or an educational tax exempt letter. It is insufficient to merely state or imply that you have this recognition.

I understand the Code of Federal Regulations allows for fee waivers only for bona fide educational and/or scientific institutions that are using the park for educational purposes. I hereby certify that the above detailed trip meets these requirements and therefore request that fees be waived. Current official documentation of recognition as an educational or scientific institution is attached.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**National Park Service Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Note: This is only valid with an NPS signature)

NPS Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**This approved fee waiver must be in your possession when arriving at Zion National Park.** Each vehicle needs to have a copy of the approved waiver otherwise normal entrance fees will be charged. Groups arriving without an approved fee waiver will be charged the non-private fee of \$20.00 per person for individuals 16 years old and older. Refunds will not be granted.