



# Kids 'n Parks Transportation Grant 2023-2024

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The New Mexico State Parks Division is proud to bring you the sixteenth year of the *Kids 'n Parks Transportation Grants*, a component of the highly successful New Mexico Outdoor Classroom Program (OCP).

*Kids 'n Parks* gives teachers the opportunity to take their students on field trips to a New Mexico State Park, where hands-on, minds-on experiences introduce and reinforce the standards and benchmarks being taught in the classroom. State Parks pays the transportation costs of such field trips, fully or in part.

## ELIGIBILITY

- **Trips must be to a New Mexico State Park.** visit <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd/find-a-park/>
- Applicant must be a teacher/representative of a public or public-charter school within a recognized New Mexico school district
- Grades K-12 are eligible
- Applicants must coordinate with a State Parks staff member to discuss available dates and program options BEFORE submitting an application (Step 1 under Application Procedure). This will be verified during the grant review process and applicants who fail to do this will be ineligible. Please call or email Paul Mauermann or Maggie Price at 505-281-5259 or email [margaret.price@aps.edu](mailto:margaret.price@aps.edu) with questions.
- The field trip must correlate to classroom study and must meet one or more performance standard(s) from at least two (2) benchmarks from one or (ideally) more content areas.
- Trips must be completed by the end of the school year.

## APPLICATION TIPS

Our desire is to form lasting partnerships with schools and teachers in order to provide teachers with consistent program planning support and to continue to evaluate the benefits of the OCP. Thus, we particularly encourage previous recipients to apply, including teachers from other grade levels from those same schools. First-time applicants who are willing to make a long-term commitment are also encouraged to apply.

Be aware that funding for this program is VERY limited and we will NOT be able to award grants to all applications. The strongest applications will be those that most clearly link classroom study with the proposed field trip and include a transportation quote. Both overall cost and cost per student will be factors: grants typically range from \$200 - \$1000.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Contact the State Park that you would like to visit (<https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd/find-a-park/>) and that will best meet your learning goals and confirm available dates for your trip. Applications to Rio Grande Nature Center SP must also include the Group Program Request Form linked on the Park's site <https://www.emnrd.nm.gov/spd/find-a-park/rio-grande-nature-center-state-park/>
2. Obtain a written quote from your local transportation provider. You MUST submit a copy of this quote with your application or your application will not be considered. Please supply a precise quote. This will help us serve as many schools as possible with the available funds.
3. Fill out the *Kids 'n Parks* application form completely and return it to Paul Mauermann or Maggie Price (addresses below) no later than **December 1 2023**:  
  
E-mail: [margaret.price@aps.edu](mailto:margaret.price@aps.edu)  
Ground mail:  
  
Paul Mauermann  
New Mexico Museum of Natural History & Science  
1801 Mountain Road NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87104
4. Applicants will receive notification by mid December

Submission deadline:

**Extended to  
Dec 1 2023**



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## School Information

Teacher name: \_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ **NM** ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

School phone: \_\_\_\_\_ School fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's email \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's email: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level(s) participating: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated # students: \_\_\_\_\_

## Bus/Transportation Information

*Please obtain a quote from your transportation provider and fill in this section. **Please submit a copy of your written quote with your application or within 24 hours of submitting your application.** Precise quotes help get more kids outside.*

# buses requested: \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL cost of transportation for ALL BUSES (must match quote sheet): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Bus provider: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Provider phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Provider email (if available): \_\_\_\_\_

## Program

*Please schedule a field trip with your chosen State Park **before** submitting an application. Scheduling is the responsibility of the applicant.*

Outdoor Classroom Destination: \_\_\_\_\_ State Park

Field Trip date (approximate – can change if necessary): \_\_\_\_\_

Parks contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact phone: \_\_\_\_\_

In the space below, please provide a brief description of your proposed field trip.



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**1) Please list the standards and benchmarks you are targeting with this field trip.**

**2) Please describe how this field trip ties into your classroom study. How do you intend to use this field trip as a learning experience that supports classroom study? How will you assess the success of the field trip?**

**3) How do you think this experience will benefit your students (academically, socially, behaviorally, emotionally, etc.)?**

*I understand that the Kids'n Parks Transportation Grant is awarded through a competitive process based on the strength and merit of my application. **Neither my field trip reservations nor submission of this application guarantees an award.** If I am awarded a grant, I agree to complete an evaluation of my class's Outdoor Classroom experience. I understand that my grant award will not be paid until an evaluation is submitted. I also understand that this grant covers the cost of school buses only, and does not cover students or chaperones that travel separately, nor does it cover the cost of admission or other fees.*

Please check box and initial the box to the right to accept these terms. \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*By checking this box, I affirm that my principal has been made aware of this funding opportunity and is supportive of this field trip and its teaching goals as outlined in this application.*

Principal's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Principal's phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep a copy of this application for your records. You will need to refer to it to complete an evaluation in the event you are awarded a grant.

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