

Funding for Field Trips

In partnership with the ND Department of Public Instruction, ND Parks and Recreation announces the availability of field trip funding assistance for North Dakota students! The funding may provide student programming fee and transportation expense support for a ranger or interpreter-guided field trip in any North Dakota State Park.

The funding allows for a waiver or reimbursement of the student programming fee and up to a \$250 per bus transportation expense reimbursement.

- All students (Public, Private, Homeschooled, etc.) are eligible for programming fee assistance.
- Only public and private schools transporting students to a ND State Park are eligible for transportation assistance.

There are two mechanisms by which to apply for this funding:

1. Contact a State Park directly to schedule a field trip date. Contact information for each park can be found [here](#). After the date has been confirmed, you can apply for the funding assistance. Use this [link](#) once you have a confirmed field-trip date. Please note that funding assistance is not guaranteed.
2. Don't have a confirmed date for your field trip? Request a date and apply for funding for a field trip using this [link](#). Upon receiving your request, you will be contacted directly by a park representative. Please note that your requested date and funding assistance is not guaranteed.

For questions regarding this funding and the application process, please contact:

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Please note:

- Usual student programming fees are \$5/program/person (except tours of the On-A-Slant Village and Custer House at Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park which have a different pricing structure).
- There is a minimum programming fee of \$50 per program.
- Programming fees include state park entrance fees up to one bus and two vehicles per program. Additional vehicles are subject to the ND Parks & Recreation Department's entrance fees of either \$7 per vehicle/day or use of an annual vehicle permit (\$35 per year).
- Cancellation or change of date/time must be confirmed with the park at least two-weeks in advance. There is a cancellation fee of \$50 if the field trip is cancelled within two-weeks of the scheduled arrival date.

- Teachers, principals, chaperones, mentors, etc. are required to stay with the group at all times and participate in the programming activities to encourage a positive learning experience for all.
- A student to chaperone ratio of approximately 12:1 must be maintained. However, additional chaperones over this ratio will be considered a participant and programming fees will apply.
- Disciplinary actions, when/if needed, are the responsibility of the group's principal/teacher/mentor/chaperones that are present. Failure to address disciplinary issues may result in the remaining program being cancelled and a \$50 cancellation fee.
- Participants are required to bring their own water, lunch, snacks, sunscreen, bug spray, lip balm, medications, etc.
- Participants must be appropriately dressed for weather conditions including appropriate footwear for outdoor activities.