

## ARKANSAS STATE PARKS FIELD TRIP GRANT PROGRAM

Arkansas's 52 state parks are natural treasures full of cultural heritage set on gorgeous mountains, lakes, streams, and forests. Guided park programs and activities, aligned to state curriculum standards, will help your students get in touch with nature and Arkansas history. They'll also create lifelong memories.

The State Parks of Arkansas issued their first specialty license plate and continue to do so today under the authority of Act 292 of the Regular Session of 2011. One purpose of these funds collected from the fees on specialty plates is providing funding for field trips to students K-12. These grants will be offered to schools (K-12) that



have difficulty securing travel funds to visit their local state parks.



The grants will focus on a classroom visiting the park during the school year. Priority will be given to field trips that align with the school curriculum and are between September and April.

Arkansas Humanities Council is a partner in administering these grants, and the application is hosted on their website.

## **GRANT GUIDELINES**

- ASP Field Trip Grant is available to public, private, charter, and home school groups in Arkansas, grades K-12.
- Field trips are available through the Arkansas State Parks and must be scheduled prior to submitting the application.
- All field trips must take place at an Arkansas State Park.
- Maximum award \$1,000: If further funding is needed beyond the maximum amount of \$1,000, please provide a justification and total amount to accompany your application.
- A limited amount of funding is available each year; grants are first-come, first-served.



- Funds may be used for the following
  - 1. Mileage Reimbursement: Up to \$0.42 cents per mile
  - 2. Cost associated with bus driver(s) and use of bus
  - 3. Substitute teacher(s)
- To schedule a field trip to an Arkansas State Park, please contact the State Park you wish to visit. If you need assistance with contact information for the park you would like to visit, call (888) 287-2757 for a referral or visit www.ArkansasStateParks.com.
- We recommend applying for this grant as far in advance of your trip as possible. Please note: Applications are not processed during the month of December.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

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HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO
43 SCHOOLS IN 28
ARKANSAS CITIES

## TO APPLY:

Applications are accepted online at:

ArkansasHumanitiesCouncil.org



