

Death Valley

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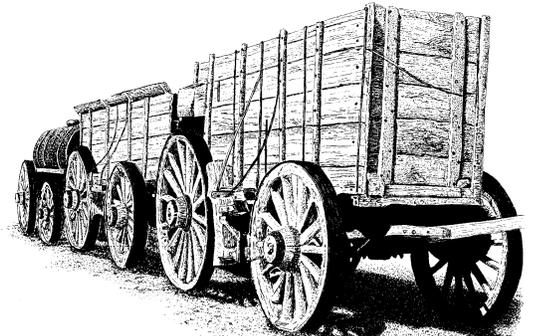


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Applying for a Fee Waiver

Death Valley National Park can be a powerful source of inspiration and learning. Many groups visiting the park have discovered the unique opportunities Death Valley can provide.

The park commonly receives requests to waive admission fees for visiting groups. When possible, the park may issue fee waivers to educational or scientific institutions providing proper documentation. The procedures for obtaining such a waiver are outlined below for your convenience.



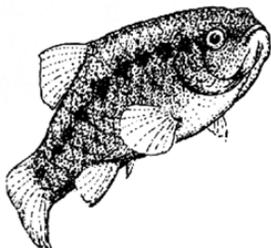
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Bona fide educational or scientific institutions may apply for an entrance fee waiver. To qualify, applications must contain the following:

1. Current, official documentation of recognition as an educational institution by a Federal, State, or local government entity, or other evidence attesting to educational status (i.e., accreditation letter or education tax exempt letter). It is insufficient to merely state or imply this on official letterhead. **Your fee waiver will not be processed without this documentation.**
2. Fill out the application on the following page. Complete the application and send it along with your official recognition as an education institution.
3. There must be a direct relationship between the visit purpose and the use of the park. The visit must be to study some aspect/ resource specific to the park. A general statement to the effect that the visit is for educational purposes is insufficient by itself. An explanation of what the education purpose entails and how it is related to park resources is required. Course outlines, lesson plans, or a copy of the curriculum meets this requirement.

Protecting the Park



Review the rules and safety precautions so students and chaperones will know what is expected of them:

- **Respect the Wildlife.** Loud noises are discouraged. Throwing objects at, feeding, or other harassment of park animals is strictly prohibited.
- **Respect the Home and Food Sources of the Wildlife.** Please leave all plants, rocks, or other natural and historical objects in the park. Place litter where it belongs.
- **Respect the Rights of Others to Enjoy Their National Park.** Loud noises and other disruptive behavior on the trails can spoil the experience for other visitors. Buses and other loud vehicles are asked to turn off their engines when parked at trailheads.
- **Respect each Other.** Running, pushing, or yelling are not allowed on the trails. Stay with your class; always have adults lead and bring up the end of the line.
- **Groups that do not comply with park regulations will be contacted by a ranger and future fee waiver requests may be denied**

Fee Waiver Entitlements



Fee waivers entitle the entrance of one chaperone for every ten students (or one chaperone for every five for special needs groups).

Applications must be received 2 weeks in advance of the anticipated visit. Fee waivers will not be given at the visitor center on the day of the visit

If the application is approved, the group's official will receive a copy of the application with an approval signature. Bring the approved signed copy to the visitor center upon arrival for the vehicle entrance pass.



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Death Valley National Park
Death Valley, California 92328



Application for Academic Fee Waiver

Mail or fax this application and all required documentation at least one month prior to your arrival to:

Death Valley National Park
Fee Management Office, Fee Waivers
P.O. Box 579
Death Valley, CA 92328
Fax: 760-786-2217

Name of Institution _____

Address _____

Name and title of official in charge of group _____

Arrival Date _____ Departure Date _____

Number of Students _____ Number of Faculty/Chaperones _____

Number of Vehicles _____ Type of Vehicles _____

List or attach the areas of the park you will be visiting: _____

- 1. Eligibility: Attach current, written documentation confirming recognition as a bona fide educational or scientific institution
2. Educational Purpose of the Visit: Provide a written statement confirming that the visit supports a specific curriculum for which academic credit is offered.

- 3. Relevance of Park Resources or Facilities: Provide a written statement identifying the park resources and/or facilities that will be used to support the educational purpose of the visit, and how they are relevant to that purpose.

I have read the Death Valley National Park Academic Fee Waiver Application Guidelines and certify that information provided in this application, and required documentation, meets all criteria established for Academic Fee Waivers as set forth within the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, Public Law 108-447 and National Park Service Fee Program Policy.

I understand that upon approval an Academic Fee Waiver will be issued and is required to be in the possession of each vehicle when arriving at Death Valley National Park and that groups arriving without a fee waiver will be charged the organized non-commercial group fee of \$10.00 per person. Fee waivers do not include expanded amenity or camping fees. Please pick-up your vehicle stickers at one of our fee stations.

Signature of Official Sponsoring Group

Date

Title

Telephone Number

Table with 2 columns and 3 rows: National Park Service Approval, Name, Title Fee Manager, Signature, Date, Academic Fee Waiver #