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In-Parks Education Programs

Connect your students with national parks and the natural world through fun hands-on education programs that meet California Curriculum Standards!
All programs are *free* for schools and include a pre-trip classroom program by rangers. *Programs offered October through May.*

A Giant's Life
(2nd-3rd grades)

October, April, May
Grant Grove Area
Kings Canyon National Park

Discover the magic of photosynthesis and conifer forest communities. Students study the life cycle of giant sequoias, learn how they are adapted to their montane environment, and walk in the shadows of the giant trees.

Life in the Balance
(4th-5th grades)

October, April, May
Big Stump Area
Kings Canyon National Park

Look for evidence of animal consumers, meet the parks' plant producers, and dig for crawling decomposers. Students learn how a diversity of life, from giant sequoias to bears and bugs, keeps an ecosystem in balance.

Layers in Time
(3rd-4th grades)

October-April
Hospital Rock Area
Sequoia National Park

Uncover the rich cultural history of the Kaweah River region as you visit the ancient home of the Monache people. Explore their rock art and cooking areas, and learn how they lived. Participate in a mock archeological dig during a *Layers in Time* pre-trip program.

See the back of this flyer for more information

To reserve your FREE program, visit the website: nps.gov/seki/forteachers
to submit an online request form and explore additional education resources.
Questions? Contact our staff at 559-565-4211 or SEKI_RITC@nps.gov

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Field Trip Details

- Programs are scheduled for 9:45am-12:45pm, and include a lunch break.
- Students must bring lunch, water, and appropriate clothing and shoes.
- Maximum group size is 70 students.
- Bring one chaperone for each ten students.

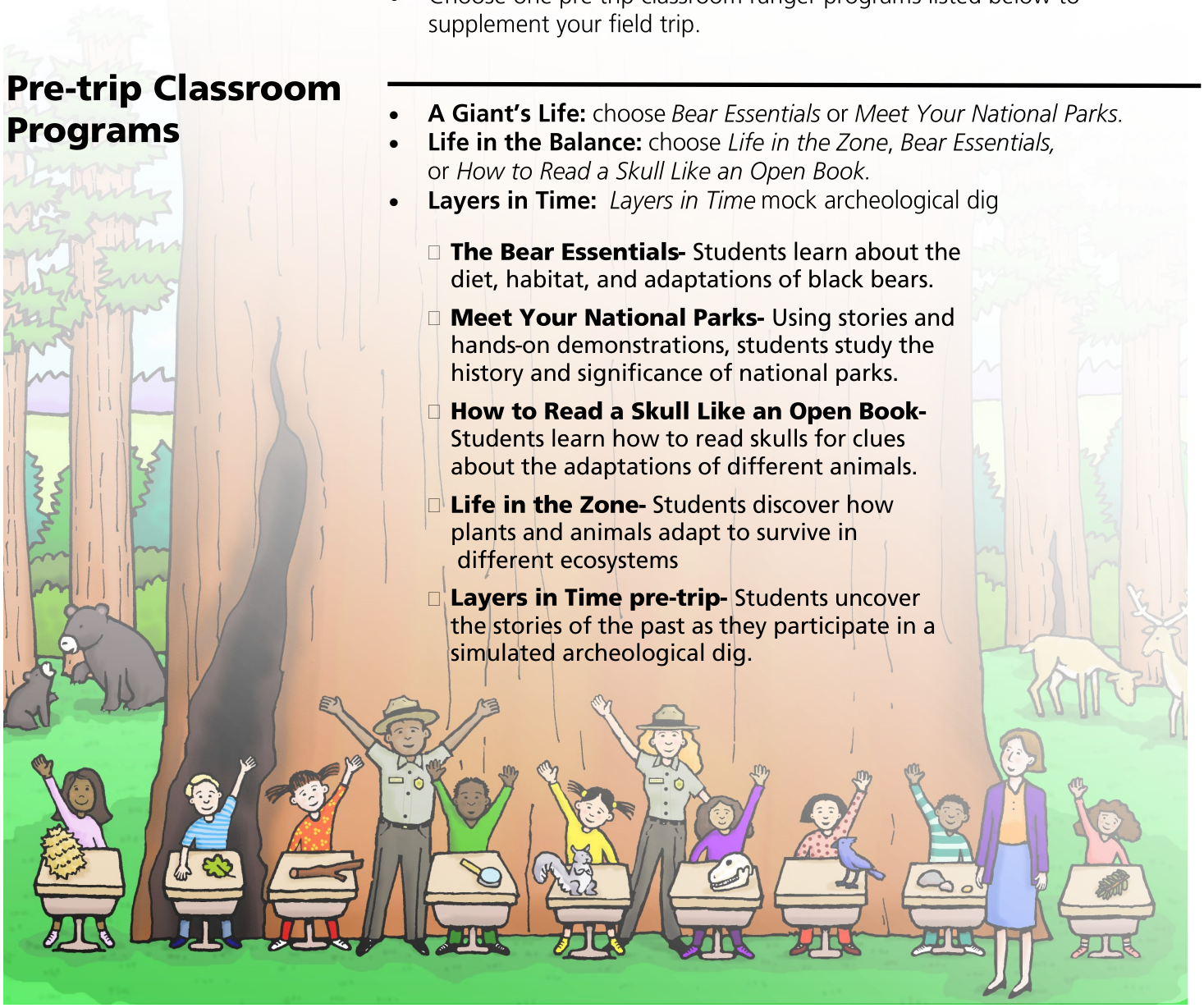
Reservation Information

- Visit *nps.gov/seki/forteachers* to submit an online request form.
- Schedule programs *at least* two weeks in advance.
- Pre-trip and post-trip activities and other resources are available online for you to use in your classroom to expand learning opportunities.
- Choose one pre-trip classroom ranger programs listed below to supplement your field trip.

Pre-trip Classroom Programs

- **A Giant's Life:** choose *Bear Essentials* or *Meet Your National Parks.*
- **Life in the Balance:** choose *Life in the Zone*, *Bear Essentials,* or *How to Read a Skull Like an Open Book.*
- **Layers in Time:** *Layers in Time* mock archeological dig

  - **The Bear Essentials-** Students learn about the diet, habitat, and adaptations of black bears.
  - **Meet Your National Parks-** Using stories and hands-on demonstrations, students study the history and significance of national parks.
  - **How to Read a Skull Like an Open Book-** Students learn how to read skulls for clues about the adaptations of different animals.
  - **Life in the Zone-** Students discover how plants and animals adapt to survive in different ecosystems
  - **Layers in Time pre-trip-** Students uncover the stories of the past as they participate in a simulated archeological dig.



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