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### Connect Kids to Parks

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## The Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program (Connect Kids)

connects New York school children with nature, outdoor recreation and history by refunding transportation costs and program fees.

### Who is Eligible

- Public schools
- County, city, town or village youth bureaus
- BOCES programs
- Select not-for-profits

All not-for-profits must be Prequalified in the [Grants Gateway](#). Each class or organization group is eligible for up to three field trip grants per academic session. All field trips must be scheduled with the destination site prior to submission. All applications must be submitted at least two weeks before the trip.

Field Trips to state parks, nature centers and historic sites offer unlimited adventure! A Connect Kids grant will fund transportation AND fees for organized programs and activities, camping, entry to historic sites and much more!

## It's Easy to Apply!

### Teachers, Administrators & Program Leaders Can Apply for a Connect Kids Grant by Following these steps

1. Come up with a field trip idea and secure any needed approval from school or program. Need a field trip idea? Visit [parks.ny.gov](#)
2. Contact the state park, historic site or eligible site directly to plan programming with the site contact.
3. Work with the school or program's budget and transportation offices to arrange payments, order buses and complete any other necessary paperwork
4. Calculate the field trip expenses. The grant program will electronically reimburse your school district for eligible costs that include transportation; programming, entry and pavilion fees
5. **Apply online** at [www.parks.ny.gov](#) at least **2 weeks** before the scheduled date of the field trip and receive confirmation paperwork via email upon approval
6. Go on the field trip! Bring along the approved grant application for verification and collect all receipts
7. Send receipts and signed application to State Parks [parksbusgrant@parks.ny.gov](mailto:parksbusgrant@parks.ny.gov) within 60 days of the completed field trip
8. The refund will be sent in approximately 4 weeks via electronic transfer

## Where Can You Go?

New York State is home to an abundance of public lands offering limitless opportunity for environmental education, outdoor recreation and historic interpretation. Plan your Connect Kids field trip to any of these areas:

- More than 250 New York State Parks, Historic Sites, Nature Centers and outdoor facilities
- Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Environmental Education Centers and Fish Hatcheries
- Adirondack Loj
- SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry's Newcomb Campus
- Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum
- Montezuma Audubon Center
- Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary
- Wilton Wildlife Preserve & Park
- Congressman Maurice D. Hinchey Catskills Visitor Center, Belleayre, White-face, and Gore Mountain Ski Resorts
- Black Rock Forest Consortium

## Questions?

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