

Guidelines for Entries

Your entry must incorporate all 3 of these categories:

1. **Education:** Preference will be given to proposals that demonstrate meaningful educational experiences.

Ask students to focus their activities in a few areas in order to bring a depth of understanding.

Some examples are:

- Science
 - Biology: ecosystems, plant/animal adaptations, human/wildlife interactions
 - Geology: rock cycle, erosion/deposition, mountain building, volcanoes
 - Hydrology: lake formation, salinity, water quality
- History
 - Battle sites during wars, such as the Revolutionary or Civil
 - Westward Expansion, including Lewis and Clark, Oregon Trail, or Gold Rush
 - Civil Rights Movement, including sites of important speeches or events
- Engineering
 - Bridge design
 - Stabilization of high erosion sites
 - Coastal structure design

2. **Health:** How are you going to promote a healthy lifestyle while visiting the park?

For example, you could

- Hike
- Make healthy snacks
- Play on a playground
- Practice yoga or meditation
- Canoe or kayak
- Bike
- NOTE: National Park Trust can NOT provide funds for lunch.

3. **Stewardship:** There are many ways to preserve our parks! Projects designed in collaboration with park staff will be given preference. You can also fulfill this requirement at school.

Some examples include:

- Plant native trees, shrubs, or flowers
- Remove invasive plants
- Lay mulch
- Clean up the park
- Raise funds to donate to a local park; Pennies for Parks event
- Write letters to elected officials to advocate for park preservation
- Help with trail construction