

# Kids to Parks Day National School Contest 2016



## Contest Deadline: March 4, 2016

Preference will be given to entries prepared by students in their own words. Winners will be announced on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Students are encouraged to be creative. Videos, pictures, and drawings are encouraged to supplement the proposal. **The entry form may be typed or handwritten with legible writing.** All materials received will be used for educational purposes and are the property of National Park Trust.

Submitted by: [REDACTED]	<b>School Information</b>
Number of Students Participating and Grade: 23 students, 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Name of School: [REDACTED]
Classroom Teacher: [REDACTED]	Best Contact # and Time of Day: [REDACTED]
Park Name: Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve	School Address: [REDACTED]
Teacher's Email: [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

What do you plan on learning while at the park?

On our field trip we promise to learn all about Craters of the Moon. We know that our question of why people call it Craters of the Moon will be answered. Most of us are asking if there are volcanoes at Craters of the Moon, we know it will be answered. We hope we will learn how Craters of the Moon was made. All of us will learn if the rocks in our backyard are different from the rocks at Craters of the Moon. We know we are going to learn why there are so many caves and animals at Craters of the Moon. All of us are promising to learn about the animals and nature. At the park we will learn why weather and erosion made all the craters. Sadly, if we are not chosen we cannot learn about these facts. We all know our questions will be answered at our field trip. (Group 1)

How are you going to promote a healthy life style while visiting the park?

Our 5th grade Jefferson students will promote a healthy lifestyle while on our trip to Craters of the Moon. We will stay hydrated by drinking water. We also, will pack healthy snacks like fruits and vegetables. We are going to stay active by hiking and burning calories. While we are at Craters of the Moon we will be working on our goal for the 100 Mile Club. We each set a goal at the beginning of the year to walk 100 miles throughout the year. We will be able to count our hiking on our field trip towards our goal. We will prevent an unhealthy lifestyle by not bringing junk food. We won't leave our trash laying around, either. As a class we will be good citizens to the whole park. This is how we will promote a healthy lifestyle. We will prevent the park from being dirty and to keep it clean so other people can visit the Craters of the Moon and experience the wonderful place it is. (Group 2)

How can you leave the park a better place? How can you be a steward for the park?

We won't touch anything that we aren't supposed to touch. We will not leave any trash lying around the park, and if we have any trash we will be prepared by carrying a garbage bag with us. We will also pick up trash if there is any on the ground. These ideas are how we can leave everything in the park as beautiful as it was when it open for the first time. Leaving the rocks that were formed by mother nature alone and not touching anything. We can also teach other kids at our school what we learn about the park and maybe get them interested in visiting the park when they are in 5<sup>th</sup> grade. (Group 3)

Why do you think your class should be selected as the Kids to Park™ Day School Contest Winner?

We should go on this trip because 91% of our class hasn't been to Craters of the Moon yet. So they need to have a chance to go. We could take in the knowledge of Craters of the Moon. We want to do this because it follows in our science curriculum. We deserve to go because we want to learn what's at Craters of the Moon. We will conclude our opinion by saying Craters of the Moon is getting so many people across the country who are entering the contest but want to and will get picked because we will be the best 5th grade students you have had.

I think we should be selected because not everyone here has been to Craters of the Moon, and it will be a once in a lifetime experience for us. We will leave the park a better place. It will be an amazing experience for the whole 5th grade. We will have great knowledge of our timeline. Also, we will have fun there and we can all clean up when we make a mess or find garbage on the ground. We all can bring a healthy drink like water or Gatorade so when we get tired and need a drink we will have something.

Our school thinks we should be selected to go on the field trip to Craters of the Moon for many reasons. We promise to clean up the park and not harm the animals and nature. The majority of our class has not been to Craters of the Moon park, so most of us will have a chance to go to a new place with a large group. All of our things we are learning in science we can learn, and see in the real world. Some people were not from Idaho originally so they will be able to see more of their state. We will also get to be out in the wild and get to have good exercise. In school we have a 100 Mile Club that we can work towards our 100 mile goal. All of us will not eat any junk food during the field trip. This is why we should be chosen to go on the Craters of the Moon field trip.

Our class should definitely get picked to go to Craters of the Moon with a grant because Craters of the Moon has lots of rocks and we studied the rock cycle and worked very hard to learn all about different kinds of rocks. We also studied weathering and erosion and we believe we will be able to see examples of different types of rocks and weather and erosion at Craters of the Moon. This is a pretty famous National Monument and almost all of us have never been able to visit this place. Please choose us for the grant winners so we can have the chance to go and expand our study and knowledge of this science.

**Teachers: Please feel free to provide a cover letter demonstrating the need for a park scholarship for your students.**

## **Budget for Park Visit**

*Students - please complete the brief budget for your park trip*

Item	Explanation	Cost
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<b>Bus/transportation</b> -contact your bus company for pricing	We have researched bus costs, and it will be the cheapest for us to reserve a charter bus to take us to Craters of the Moon.	\$650
<b>Park Experience/other fees</b> -canoe rentals, entrance fee, guided tour, or other park fees	Entrance fees are free.	\$0
<b>Stewardship Project</b> -plants, mulch, cleaning supplies, trash bags, vinyl gloves or other supplies	As a class we decided that we would like to each take one glove and plastic sack to collect any trash we find. By doing this we can leave the park cleaner than we find it.	\$30
<b>Other</b> - snacks, refreshments, educational materials	During our trip to Craters of the Moon we will be hiking and moving a lot. It will be very important for us to have healthy snacks to help us keep our energy up, as well as something to drink.  Fruits Vegetables Granola bars Water bottles (2 cases) Snacks for bus-ride home	\$80
<b>Total:</b>		\$760.00