

Transportation Grant Program



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The Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program (Connect Kids) is a field trip refund grant program connecting New York schoolchildren with nature and New York State history.

How Does It Work?

The Connect Kids will refund up to \$1,000* of the field trip costs for visits to a New York State Park, Nature Center, or Historic Site (Parks), or a Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Environmental Education Center, fish hatchery, or selected DEC sites.

Eligibility

NEW for 2017-18: Title 1 schools AND any public school in a district with a Title 1 school (grades preK-12 including school-sponsored clubs), Advantage After School Programs, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and village, town, or county youth bureaus in communities with Title 1 schools are eligible to apply. Each class or afterschool/youth bureau group is eligible for one transportation grant per academic year.

Field trip locations covered under the program include:

New York State parks (<http://www.nysparks.com/parks/>), nature centers (<http://nysparks.maps.arcgis.com/apps/MapTour/index.html?appid=a73f43623689433595aa27d491bb6ed4>) or historic sites (<http://www.nysparks.com/historic-sites/>)

Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Environmental Education Centers

Five Rivers [\[http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1835.html\]](http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1835.html)

Reinstein Woods [\[http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html\]](http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/1837.html)

Rogers [\[http://friendsofrogers.org/\]](http://friendsofrogers.org/)

Stony Kill Farm [\[http://stonykill.org/\]](http://stonykill.org/)

DEC Fish Hatcheries [\[http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7742.html\]](http://www.dec.ny.gov/outdoor/7742.html)

Montezuma Audubon Center [\[http://ny.audubon.org/about-us/centers-sanctuaries-chapters/montezuma-audubon-center\]](http://ny.audubon.org/about-us/centers-sanctuaries-chapters/montezuma-audubon-center)

SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry's Newcomb Campus [\[http://www.esf.edu/aic/\]](http://www.esf.edu/aic/)

Adirondack Loj [\[https://www.adk.org/stay/adirondack-loj-at-heart-lake/\]](https://www.adk.org/stay/adirondack-loj-at-heart-lake/)

Maurice D. Hinchey Catskill Interpretive Center [\[http://catskillinterpretivecenter.org/\]](http://catskillinterpretivecenter.org/)

Chittenango Landing Canal Boat Museum [\[http://chittenangoland.com/\]](http://chittenangoland.com/)

Constitution Marsh Audubon Center and Sanctuary [\[http://constitutionmarsh.audubon.org/\]](http://constitutionmarsh.audubon.org/)

Grants are available on a first come, first served basis. Grants refund field trip costs including transportation, program fees, entry fees, and/or pavilion fees. Schools, youth bureaus, or afterschool programs pay for services first and are then reimbursed their expenses after the trip. Chaperones that drive separately will not be refunded for any field trip expenses.



The 2017-18 Application Period Opens on July 1, 2017

Resources

Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Grant Program Guidelines (pdf) (/environment/connect-kids/documents/ConnectKidsFieldTripGrantGuidelines20172018.pdf)

Connect Kids to Parks Field Trip Application (<http://connectkids.surveyanalytics.com>)

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