

2021 Kids to Parks Day School Grant Education Component Examples

Educational Component: Your application must include a park-themed educational component that focuses on either outdoor recreation and healthy lifestyles, environmental science, or history. Please note, we will only accept plans for distance-learning experiences or projects this year.

Some examples include:

- Contact a national, state, or local park to set up a virtual program. Many parks and nature centers offer video conferencing experiences that cover a wide variety of park related topics including:
 - Biology: ecosystems, plant or animal adaptations, human/wildlife interactions
 - Geology: rock cycle, erosion and deposition, mountain building, volcanoes
 - Hydrology: lake formation, salinity, water quality
 - History: Interpretive programs are available from park sites that connect to the Civil Rights Movement, Westward Expansion, historical battles, and more!
- Student led research projects focusing on a park related topic like, comparing ecosystems, geological formations, or animals found in a park or parks. This research can be done using:
 - Park websites
 - Purchase books
 - Interviews with park staff
- Purchasing materials for hands-on activities to complement a park or environmental science lessons like:
 - Mineral hardness testing kits
 - Owl pellet dissection kits
 - Water quality testing materials
 - Bug boxes and magnifying glasses
 - Wildlife or plant guides
 - Windowsill garden supplies
- Promote a healthy lifestyle through outdoor recreation (follow state and local guidelines)
 - Research local outdoor recreational opportunities in parks near your school
 - Practice yoga or meditation outdoors
- Virtual Q&A with a National Park Service Ranger about career paths in the NPS