

HEMLOCK OVERLOOK REGIONAL PARK FIELD TRIP GRANT PROGRAM

Made possible by the NOVA Parks Outdoor Kids Fund

Apply to receive a \$1,000 grant to experience the great outdoors! NOVA Parks, in cooperation with Adventure Links, introduces students to a quiet wilderness with impressive possibilities at the 228-acre Hemlock Overlook Regional Park.

This program offers public school 5th and 6th grade classes and programs the opportunity to apply for a \$1,000 grant to put towards a program at the park.

Adventure Links, operator of Hemlock Overlook Regional Park, offers a variety of programs. A suggested program may include the Team Development Course, the Zip Line Program and Environmental Education.

The typical cost of a 4-6 hour program with Adventure Links at Hemlock Overlook is \$45.00 per student.

At the 60-element team development course, students will be presented with challenges ranging from simple to complex. Experienced staff facilitate group debriefs, highlighting relevant life lessons, like bullying.

Students overcome physical and personal obstacles on our zip line, combining trust, high adventure and the natural beauty of Northern Virginia. Fifty feet high and three hundred feet long, the zip is combined with a high ropes course - a fun challenge before the ride down! It's an experience they will never forget!

In compliance with Virginia Standards of Learning, a two hour environmental education component is provided. This program introduces students to the diverse ecosystems that coexist with the world they know, leaving them with perspective and knowledge of their natural surroundings. Students will discover habitats of mid-Atlantic flora and fauna through hands-on exploration.

Pick from watershed studies or ecology exploration curriculum for an eye-opening experience.

**Participation in the Environmental Education component is required to receive grant.*



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PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY & GUIDELINES

- All applications must be received through online submission or mailed and postmarked by Friday, February 16th, 2018 for a program to be scheduled during the 2018 school year.
- To mail an application, please send to:
Hemlock Overlook Field Trip Grant Program
Attn: Jenny Friedman
5400 Ox Road
Fairfax Station, VA 22039
- The grant may be used towards field trip costs associated with transportation, Environmental Education program, Team Development and Zip Line Program.
- Participation in the Environmental Education program component is required to receive the grant.
- Grants will be awarded for 5th and 6th grade classrooms/schools/programs.
- If your class/school is selected as a grant winner, a contract must be signed and a 2018 program date selected with Adventure Links by April 20th, 2018 for you to receive your grant check.
- Only one grant per grade level, per year may be awarded. Grant applicants are encouraged to apply for a grant for entire grade/group field trip.

CRITERIA

Grants will be awarded to schools/classes based on the below criteria set by the selection committee. The selection committee includes representatives from NOVA Parks and Adventure Links at Hemlock Overlook.

- Number of children to participate in the program
- Percentage of participation in the National School Lunch Program
- County or City
- Previous visitation to Hemlock Overlook

HEMLOCK OVERLOOK REGIONAL PARK FIELD TRIP GRANT APPLICATION

Please fill out all fields of the application to be considered. Selected applicants will receive a \$1,000 grant towards your field trip costs (transportation and/or programming costs). Hemlock Overlook is operated by Adventure Links, an ACA Accredited camp, in cooperation with NOVA Parks.

Application Deadline is Friday, February 16th, 2018 at 5 p.m.

- 1) Point of Contact:
- 2) Email:
- 3) Grade/Group:
- 4) Public School:
- 5) School Address:
- 6) Phone Number:
- 7) Principal Name:
- 8) When was the last time your class or school participated in a program at Hemlock Overlook?
(please circle one answer)

Within the last year Within the last two years Never Attended
- 9) What percentage of your school participates in the National School Lunch Program?
- 10) What county or city is your public school in? (please circle one)

City of Alexandria Arlington County Fairfax County City of Fairfax

City of Falls Church Loudoun County Other, please list _____
- 11) How many students would attend the Program at Hemlock Overlook? (please circle one)

Less than 30 30-50 50-100 Over 100

Please fill out the following TWO questions:

- 12) What would you like students to learn from the program?

13) Why do you feel your class/program should be awarded this grant?