



Maryland Park Service School Group Waiver

(Day Use Service Charge)

The Maryland Park Service is committed to making our state parks more available and accessible to schools. The Department of Natural Resources has waived the day use service charges for Maryland school groups under the following guidelines:

- Maryland vehicles transporting school groups, kindergarten through twelfth grade, to a state park must adhere to the provisions outlined in this application to be exempt from the *day-use service charge*.
- School groups shall follow all park rules and regulations and shall use the facilities in the manner in which they were intended providing organized educational opportunities for students.
- Free entry into the parks shall only be permitted during the traditional school year (established annually). School groups shall not be exempt from paying the *day-use service charge* during times when school is not in session.
- Free entry will only be issued to those vehicles traveling with the group into the park.

School groups who do not follow the established procedures shall be responsible for paying the day use service charges for all vehicles.

School Group Waiver Application

This *School Group Waiver Application* must be submitted to the park no fewer **than 15 days prior to arrival**. School groups should apply for the exemption as early as possible to assure approval. The Park Manager or designated staff at the park will approve the exemption and notify the contact person prior to the trip date. On rare occasions, groups may not be granted permission to enter a park on the date requested due to previously scheduled programs, special events, etc.

This waiver does not apply to any other service charges (i.e. pavilion rentals, program service charges, etc.). You may inquire if a pavilion is available for use by your group during your visit for no fee. If you wish to have a Ranger-led program for your group, please contact the park directly regarding dates, times and fees.

Instructions : Complete this form then mail, fax or send electronically to the state park you plan to visit. State park addresses and phone numbers can be found at <http://dnr.maryland.gov/publiclands/pages/parkmap.aspx>, or by calling 800-830-3974.

Park: _____ Specific Area (if applicable): _____

Date(s): _____

Anticipated Arrival Time: _____ Anticipated Departure Time: _____

School: _____

Scheduled Activity and Location: _____

Buses (#): _____ Students (#): _____ Chaperones (#): _____ Vehicles Accompanying Bus(#): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Fax: _____

Leader in Charge (on day of trip): _____

Cell Phone (on day of trip): _____

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Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

For Park use only

Approved: _____
Park Manager

Date: _____

