



Youth Environmental Education Field Trips to San Mateo County Parks

The Youth Environmental Education Field Trip Program provides outdoor education opportunities for low-income youth in San Mateo County. This program serves schools, after-school and summer programs, and nonprofits. A lack of transportation is often cited as a barrier to getting kids to the parks. The San Mateo County Parks Foundation will fund a school or youth organization's transportation needs and will also connect them to docents who will lead them on hikes and explain the wonders of the park.

Priority is given to schools, after-school programs and non-profits serving youth in San Mateo County.

Qualifying schools have a student population where 50% or more of the students are eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches.

Qualifying after-school and summer programs as well as nonprofits predominately serve low-income and/or at-risk youth.

If you think you qualify to receive bus transportation funding to visit a San Mateo County Park, please email Michele Beasley at Michele@SupportParks.org with the following information:

- Name of School/ Organization
- Primary contact person with their contact details
- Number and age of youth and any chaperones
- Date of park visit, length of visit and park you want to visit
- A brief statement as to why you qualify for this funding

The qualifying school or organization is responsible for arranging the transportation. Invoices for the bus transportation should be sent to the San Mateo County Parks Foundation, c/o Michele Beasley at Michele@SupportParks.org.

In return, the San Mateo County Parks Foundation would appreciate access to photographs (with the appropriate waivers) and quotes about the experience from youth and teachers. This helps us to continue to fundraise to support this program.