

Hey, Fourth Graders!

Time to get your Every Kid in a Park pass!



It's back to school time! And with the start of the new school year, it's also time for all fourth graders and their families to claim their free Every Kid in a Park pass which allows free entry into all federal parks, forests, and recreation areas for a full year.

Starting September 1st, fourth graders can print out a paper voucher for free entry into all federal lands by visiting the Every Kid in a Park website at www.everykidinapark.gov. Students and their families can also redeem their paper voucher for a plastic pass at any Forest Service office. The voucher and passes are valid for the entire school year, September 1, 2016-August 31, 2017.

The Forest Service is partnering with schools and educators across Oregon and Washington to plan Every Kid in a Park events in local communities and distribute passes at back-to-school events this fall. For more information on upcoming Every Kid in a Park events, visit <http://bit.ly/2b2uHQM> or scan the QR code below.



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1. What is Every Kid in a Park?

Every Kid in a Park is a national initiative to get fourth graders across the nation out to see their public lands and waters. With an Every Kid pass, current fourth graders can gain access to many of our national forests, grasslands, scenic areas, as well as other federal public lands, at no charge up to a full year. Students can earn a voucher online or they can visit one of the region's forest or district offices to redeem these vouchers for a plastic pass.

2. What are the benefits for the 4th Grade Pass?

The pass allows free admission at sites that charge [Entrance](#) or [Standard Amenity Fees](#) for one full year (September through August of the student's 4th grade year).

- Allows pass owner and accompanying passengers in a single, private, non-commercial vehicle to enter federally operated recreation sites across the country where per vehicle fees are charged.
- Covers the pass owner and three (3) accompanying adults age 16 and older at sites where per person fees are charged. No entry fee is charged for children 15 and under.

The pass does not cover or provide a discount on [expanded amenity fees](#) such as camping, boat launch or interpretive fees.

3. How can a 4th grader obtain an Every Kid voucher or pass?

Once a 4th grader has completed their web based activity on the [Every Kid in a Park website](#), they will be awarded their voucher package for printing. The 4th grader then may exchange their Every Kid in a Park voucher for the Annual 4th grade Pass at a participating federal site. Generally speaking, these sites consist of any facility that issues interagency passes.

Alternatively, educators and youth leaders can print Every Kid vouchers to provide 4th grade students. Forest Service employees can issue 4th graders vouchers or passes after providing Every Kid programming. See the Question 8 for further details.

4. Where can my 4th Grader use their pass?

This pass can be used throughout the country at sites managed by The Forest Service, the National Park Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Bureau of Reclamation where [Entrance or Standard Amenity Fee\(s\)](#) are charged. There are over 2,000 forests and grasslands managed by the U.S. Forest Service nationwide.

The pass, does not however, waive the fees at state parks or forests.

5. How long does the pass last?

Students receiving a pass during the 2016 - 2017 school year will have until August 31, 2017 to use their passes. Pass holders will have unlimited use of these passes until that date.

6. Can families get in free with the pass?

Pass holders can get up to three (3) of their family members in for free.

7. Where is the pass accepted in the Pacific Northwest?

The pass is accepted at all of the national forests and scenic areas in the Washington and Oregon. Three sites where passes are accepted in the Portland Metro area are: Gifford Pinchot National Forest, Columbia River Gorge National Scenic Area, and Mt. Hood National Forest.