

Spring Valley Nature Center & Heritage Farm
School Field Trip & Professional Development Opportunities
Scholarship Application
Sponsored by the Spring Valley Nature Club



Guidelines

1. Scholarships are available for \$100 per classroom/field trip or \$25 per teacher/teacher training opportunities.
2. Scholarships will take the form of a discount in field trip or workshop fees.
3. Individual teachers may apply for one classroom field trip scholarship and one professional development scholarship per school year. Please note that funding is limited, and so in an effort to benefit as many students and teachers as possible, consecutive year funding to previous recipients may not always be available.
4. Applications must be received at least one month prior to the desired field trip date.
5. Teachers will be notified of funding availability within two weeks of submitting an application.
6. Scholarships must be used within 6 months of notification of approval. Please see information below on programs and booking requirements.

Applicant Information:

Teacher/Applicant: _____ Grade Level: _____
School: _____
Street Address: _____
City/State/Zip Code: _____
School Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____
Program: _____ Program Date: _____

Field Trip Request

Each teacher requesting a scholarship is required to provide the following information for their class only (use back of form or an attached sheet).

1. Which Spring Valley program(s) are you interested in for your class?
2. List 3 ways in which this field trip experience fits into and/or augments your present curriculum.
3. How you will assess whether the field trip has benefited students and helped you meet learning objectives?
4. What type of pre and/or post visit activities will you use with your class? Please describe in detail.

Post Visit Requirement: Due two weeks after the field trip*

*Complete an on-line program evaluation. The link will be sent to you immediately after the program. Also send some type of follow-up to Spring Valley. This could be in the form of individual student letters, a copy of completed post visit activities or photos of student projects, etc. *Note: failure to provide this could jeopardize future scholarship funding.*

Teacher Workshop Request

Please provide the following information (use back of form or attached sheet):

1. Which workshop(s) are you interested in attending?
2. How will this workshop help you meet your professional development needs, i.e., recertification requirements, salary lane credit or CEUs?
3. What do you hope to gain/learn from this experience?
4. What can we do to customize this workshop for you?

Program & Booking Information

- Field trip opportunities are available M–F during the school year.
- Programs change seasonally. Additional information can be found at www.parkfun.com. Click on “Spring Valley”, and then “Programs.”
- Field trip programs must be booked at least two (2) weeks in advance; however, booking further in advance is highly recommended, especially for October and May field trips.
- All Spring Valley school programs are correlated with Common Core standards.
- For information on professional development opportunities, please call Spring Valley’s Environmental Education Program Supervisor, Kyle Wenz, at (847) 985-2100.