Ticket2Ride - *investing in Oregon's Youth*

Overview

The goal of the **Ticket2Ride** program is to help 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students in Title I schools access Oregon's parks for experiential learning. One of the greatest barriers preventing access to our parks is the cost and funding for transportation. At no charge, Oregon parks are able to support and enhance learning for hundreds of students each year. They have accessible locations available to offer inspirational & effective learning experiences. The schools simply need to be able to get the students to the parks.

Ticket2Ride grants are awarded based on the following criteria

- School/students financial needs – the program is for Title I schools that have at least 50% of the student population qualifying for the free or reduced lunch program.
- Educational goals for the park trip are identified.
- The park has been contacted to verify park availability for the proposed date.

    Note: Teachers should first contact the park and agree on a date <u>before submitting an application</u>. Submission of an application does not guarantee that the park will be able to accommodate all requests.

Application Timeline

<u>September and October trips</u>
Applications will be accepted from May 1 to September 15 prior to the September/October trips.
Applications will be reviewed, and awards will be announced at the end of September.

<u>April and May trips</u>
Applications will be accepted from November 1 to March 15 prior to the April/May trips.
Applications will be reviewed, and awards will be announced at the end of March.

Applications can be submitted via our website's online application or through email

<u>Online</u> application at www.orparksforever.org/t2rapplication/   (preferred)
<u>Email</u> to t2r@orparksforever.org

Application Information

Part One: School details

What season are you applying for?   ___Fall (September-October)   ____ Spring (April-May)

Teacher name: _____   Teacher Email: _____

Teacher phone number: _____

School name: _____

School District name: _____   School District Federal Tax ID#:_____

School Address: _____

Group grade Level: _____

Demographics of school student population being served: _____ % Free or reduced lunch program at the school

Part Two: Park & Plan details

Name of proposed park: _____
> Note: You must contact the park to verify availability before submitting application.

Planned date to visit the park: _____ _____
> Note: You must contact the park to verify availability before submitting application.

Primary educational objective for this field trip: _____

How will students prepare for this field trip? _____

What follow-up activities or assignments are planned for this trip? _____

Part Three: Budget Summary

Total number of students expected on trip: _____

Total number of school staff expected on trip: _____

Total number of other volunteers/parent chaperones expected on trip: _____

Round trip mileage to/from park visited: _____

Estimated Expenses

- Transportation for the group $_____
- Other _____ $_____
                    Total Cost $_____

Amount of T2R award requested (Max. $500) $_____

Any additional information and/or comments you feel are relevant to this application that are not already included?

By submitting this application I agree to the following:

- I agree to submit a trip evaluation form within 60 days of the park trip
- I agree to submit at least two pictures from the trip that can be used on the Oregon Parks Forever website (*follow school protocol and submit only released photos, we do not need release forms*). Additionally, unless you have clearly declined in writing prior to your visit, photos taken on the day of the event by the Rangers, Teachers, or other photographers can be used by Oregon Parks Forever for purposes of promoting the Ticket2Ride program, or Oregon Parks Forever.
- I agree to submit final expense invoice within 60 days of trip for award fulfillment (if invoice is not submitted within 60 days of Park visit, Oregon Parks Forever will not be responsible for fulfilling the award)
- I agree that all arrangements for transportation will be made by the school, according to school policies

Digital Signature _____

(For Office Use Only)

Date Application Received_____

OPF Award status: Approved _____ Declined_____, Explanation if declined:

Date Post Field Trip Evaluation Received_____ Date Photos Received_____ Invoice Received_____ Date Paid_____

Cost Indicated on Invoice $_____