

KRIS WELLS Nature Camp Scholarship Program
El Paso County Parks Naturalist Docent Organization, Inc.
2025 Guidelines

Purpose: The Nature Camp Scholarship Program is designed to provide supplemental financial assistance to youth who are economically disadvantaged and demonstrate a genuine interest in attending nature camp.

Scholarship Fund: Scholarships are dependent on the current amount of donations in the Scholarship Fund and may not always be available. Scholarship amount will pay up to 40% of the camp fee. Qualified scholarships will be awarded in the order received.

Eligibility:

- Kindergarten - 8th Grade
- El Paso County residents
- Qualify for the Federal Free Lunch Program or the Reduced Free Lunch Program
- Income less than 130% of Federal Poverty Guidelines
- Limit of one scholarship per child per year

Complete:

- Scholarship Application form
- Registration and deposit (deposit is refundable if the child is denied scholarship)
- “Why I Want to Attend Nature Camp” Essay
 - The essay must be at least 1 paragraph, but no more than 2 pages in length.
 - The essay must be written by the child. If the child is unable to write the essay, the adult may write it for them in the child’s words.

Scholarship Application Deadline:

- **A minimum of 2 weeks before the requested camp session (Camps may fill quickly on a first-come, first-served basis. We recommend applying soon.)**

Notification: You will be notified if the application is approved.

Send applications to:

Jessica Miller
Fountain Creek Nature Center
320 Pepper Grass Lane
Fountain, CO 80817

Questions:

719-520-6767
jessicamiller@elpasoco.com

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Send to: Fountain Creek Nature Center, 320 Pepper Grass Lane, Fountain, CO 80817
Questions: Jessica Miller, 719-520-6745; jessicamiller@elpasoco.com

Scholarship requested for the following camp:

(Only one scholarship will be awarded to an individual child per year, but you may apply for four different sessions)

☐ June 2 – 6	Scutes, Scales, & Pollywog Tails	Fountain Creek Nature Center
☐ June 9 – 13	Scutes, Scales, & Pollywog Tails	Fox Run Regional Park
☐ June 23 – 27	Nocturnal by Nature	Fountain Creek Nature Center
☐ July 7 – 11	Wild Child Adventures	Fountain Creek Nature Center
☐ July 28 – Aug 1	Cattail Kids	Fountain Creek Nature Center

Participant's Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Does the applicant/participant qualify for the Federal Free or Reduced-Price Lunch Program?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Name of Child's School _____ District _____

Is a parent or guardian active military?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Does your family have a membership with the
Friends of EL Paso County Nature Centers?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Attach to this application:

- ☐ Essay, "Why I Want to Attend Nature Camp"

This essay must be included with the application. It must be at least 1 paragraph, but no more than 2 pages in length. If the child is unable to write, the adult may write it for them in the child's words. For Middle School Camp: at least 1 page.

- ☐ \$25.00 Required Deposit (refundable only if the application is denied)

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____ Date _____