

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 50% of the camp fee. Qualified scholarships will be awarded in the order received.

Eligibility:

- Pre-K - 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
- “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 or not.

Send all applications to:

Kylee Taylor
Bear Creek Nature Center
245 Bear Creek Road
Colorado Springs, CO 80806

Questions:

719-520-6972
Kyleetaylor2@elpasoco.com

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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)

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| ☐ March 24 - 28 | Junior Naturalist | Bear Creek Nature Center |
| ☐ June 2 – 6 | Bear Creek Rocks! | Bear Creek Nature Center |
| ☐ June 16 – 20 | Middle School Camp (grades 6-8) | Bear Creek Nature Center |
| ☐ June 23 – 27 | Junior Naturalist | Bear Creek Nature Center |
| ☐ July 7 – 11 | Half Day Camp- Ologies | Bear Creek Nature Center |
| ☐ July 21 – 25 | Bear Creek Rocks! | Bear Creek Nature Center |

Participant's Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____ M / F (circle)

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.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature _____

Date _____