

**KRIS WELLS Nature Camp Scholarship Program**  
**El Paso County Parks Naturalist Docent Organization, Inc.**  
**2026 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 - 8<sup>th</sup> 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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**2024 Application**

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Questions: Kylee Taylor, 719-520-6972; kyleetaylor2@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)*

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>June 1 – 5</b>	<b>Bird is the Word</b>	<b>Bear Creek Nature Center</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>June 15 – 19</b>	<b>Middle School Camp (grades 6-8)</b>	<b>Bear Creek Nature Center</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>June 22 – 26</b>	<b>Half Day Camp- H2 Whoa</b>	<b>Bear Creek Nature Center</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>July 6 – 10</b>	<b>Pollinator Power</b>	<b>Bear Creek Nature Center</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>July 20 – 24</b>	<b>Bird is the Word</b>	<b>Bear Creek Nature Center</b>

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 \_\_\_\_\_