

# Youth Arts in the Parks



## 2016 Nature Festival

Discover the diversity of Appalachian ecology through explorations of the park. Join us for a **FREE** field trip to New River Gorge National River at Grandview! A stipend of \$0.50 per mile will be paid by the park to participating schools to offset field trip transportation expenses.

**What?** The National Park Service is proud to sponsor a day of artistic, educational activities for middle school students to learn about nature while IN it!

**Who?** 6th – 8th grade, 7 to 8 classes (20 to 25 students per class)

**When?** April 19 or 20, 2016 from 9:00 am to 1:30 pm  
(all participants should bring a sack lunch and a beverage)

**Where?** Grandview area of  
New River Gorge National River

### Students will:

- Gain a greater understanding of and appreciation for the natural diversity of their region and the resources of the park.
- Engage in art projects in the park to increase their personal understanding of nature and artistic mediums.
- Identify trees, flowers, and birds through field study using field guide books and binoculars.
- Learn Leave No Trace Outdoor Ethics and practice it during their visit.

**Questions?** Contact Jodi French-Burr, 304-465-2632 or [jodi\\_french-burr@nps.gov](mailto:jodi_french-burr@nps.gov).

### Activities touch on science, art, and English:

Activities are all based around a theme of discovery of Appalachian ecology through exploration of the park, particularly spring wildflowers! Students will rotate through activity stations where they will participate in a variety of hands-on activities including:

- Watercolor wildflower painting
- Nature photography
- Plant and animal identification through field study using field guide books and binoculars
- Investigation and exploration of current resources challenges and potential solutions
- Creative writing and more!

### Registration:

Youth Arts in the Parks is open to 200 middle school students. Schools will be selected on a first-to-register basis. A stipend of \$0.50 per mile will be paid by the park to offset field trip transportation expenses.

### Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 12, 2016

To register: please print this form, complete the section below and fax it to Jodi French-Burr at 304-574-2162 or email the information below to [jodi\\_french-burr@nps.gov](mailto:jodi_french-burr@nps.gov).



My class will attend the Youth Arts in the Park Nature Festival - Grandview. Date: ☐ April 19 ☐ April 20

School name: \_\_\_\_\_ Milage stipend needed: Yes ☐ No ☐

Approximate # of students attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade levels of students participating: ☐ 6<sup>th</sup> ☐ 7<sup>th</sup> ☐ 8<sup>th</sup>

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher phone and best time to call: \_\_\_\_\_

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