

## **Parks/ Outdoor Recreation Grants**

### **Act 799 of 2003: Fish and Wildlife Education**

Money collected from fines levied by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission is available to schools each fall. The amount of money and the time frame varies each year. Schools apply through the Quorum Court. The following educational programs have been approved for this money: Wings Over Arkansas, The Leopold Education Project, WILD Workshops, School Yard Habitats, Total Outdoor Teaching Experience, On Target For Life, Hunter Education, Boating Education, Hooked on Fishing Not on Drugs, Arkansas Stream Team Programs, 4-H Responsible Environmental Stewardship Quest, and Nature Mapping. When money is received by the county, school superintendents are notified. If you have a project in mind, let your superintendent know as soon as possible. Funds can also be utilized to provide avenues for teachers/educators to take students on fieldtrips to AGFC Nature Centers and Education Centers. Contact Bill Fulton, 501-682-4472, [bfulton@arkedu.k12.ar.us](mailto:bfulton@arkedu.k12.ar.us), for content information concerning the eligible programs.

#### **Deadline: Unspecified**

<http://arkedu.state.ar.us/commemos/static/fy0405/2285.html>

### **Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism FUN Park Grant**

The FUN (Facilities for Underdeveloped Neighborhoods) Park Grant Program is designed to assist cities and counties in developing basic neighborhood outdoor recreation facilities. These grants are targeted to areas of the state that do not presently have facilities, or whose facilities are inadequate in size or scope to meet local needs. Only unincorporated rural communities in each of the 75 counties and incorporated cities with a population of less than 2,500. max award \$45,000; approximately 10 award are funded annually; match may be required. You must contact grant staff prior to August 3, 2012 to schedule visit to the proposed site.

#### **Deadline: August**

<http://www.outdoorgrants.com/Park%20Grants/>?

### **Arkansas Department of Parks and Tourism Matching Grant Program**

The purpose of the Matching Grant Program is to build outdoor recreation facilities; Incorporated cities and counties; max award \$250,000 in reimbursable matching funds – applicant must be able to match the grant amount with a like amount of cash, or a combination of cash and donations.

#### **Deadline: August**

<http://www.outdoorgrants.com/Matching%20Grants/>?

### **Arkansas Farm Bureau Outdoor Classroom Garden Mini-Grant Program**

The Outdoor Classroom Garden Mini-Grant Program is designed to show that agriculture is an integral part of our everyday environment. Farms, wildlife, forestry, people and cities are all interrelated with agriculture. Since most of Arkansas wildlife resides on and feeds off of private property, including farms and timber lands, the gardens can demonstrate the connection between agriculture, food, fiber, conservation, wildlife, and the urban environment. Applications will be accepted as long as grant funding is available. Up to \$500 may be awarded for new garden sites. This must include matching funds. Up to \$250 may be awarded for on-going garden projects. This also must include matching funds.

#### **Deadline: Rolling**

<http://www.arfb.com/education-youth/ag-classroom/garden-grants.aspx>

### **Build it with KaBOOM! Playground Grant**

The Build It with KaBOOM! Playground Grant provides eligible communities with the majority of funds, tools and resources they need to build a custom-made playground – all in one day! Through this grant program, the majority of the playground funding for the project is provided by one of our generous Funding Partners. Selected groups, referred to as Community Partners, will work closely with a KaBOOM! Project Manager who will lead Design Day and Build Day activities as well as coordinate the equipment and material purchases for the project. Community members will take the lead in recruiting volunteers, securing food and tool donations and completing any necessary site preparation

**Deadline: Rolling (but based on funding)**

[http://kaboom.org/about\\_kaboom/programs/grants](http://kaboom.org/about_kaboom/programs/grants)

### **Every Day Capacity Building Grants**

Every Day Capacity Building Grants provide Friends Groups with grant funds of up to \$5,000 to help build their capacity to serve public lands. The National Environmental Education Foundation (NEEF), with generous support from Toyota Motor Sales USA, Inc., seeks to strengthen these nonprofit organizations whose missions are focused on serving public land sites in the nation and unleash their potential to serve their public lands. NEEF's Every Day Grants will strengthen the stewardship of public lands by strengthening Friends Groups through funding for organizational capacity building.

**Deadline: Summer and winter cycles**

<http://publiclandseveryday.org/grants/capacity-building-grants>

### **Explore Fund**

We at The North Face love the outdoors. It's in our DNA, and it defines us as a company. This passion and our desire to share is the catalyst behind The North Face® Explore Fund™. Our goal is to inspire and enable the next generation of explorers by funding non-profit organizations that are working to re-connect children with nature. We believe in the physical, emotional and social benefits of a healthy, active outdoor lifestyle, and that a strong connection with the outdoors will lead to greater support and protection of our natural landscapes. The Explore Fund will support 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations that encourage youth outdoor participation, focusing primarily on creating more connections of children to nature, increasing access to both front & backcountry recreation, as well as providing education for both personal & environmental health. Typical awards are between \$5,000 and \$25,000.

**Deadline: upcoming**

<https://www.thenorthface.com/about-us/outdoor-exploration/explore-fund.html>

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