



## **The Raven Run Transportation Grant**

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The Friends of Raven Run

In an effort to expose more children to the great outdoors and introduce them to the free programs by Lexington Parks & Recreation's Natural Areas Division, a grant system was set up through the Friends of Raven Run to help alleviate the costs of transporting students to Raven Run. This grant money has been provided by the many people who enjoy Raven Run and participate in the annual Raven 10K trail run, as well as event sponsors.

The Friends of Raven Run is an independent not-for-profit (501(c) 3) organization that works in partnership with the Lexington Fayette Urban County Government and The Raven Run Citizen Advisory Board. The primary goal of the Friends of Raven Run is to offer support for programs and maintenance issues at the sanctuary.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of the Raven Run Transportation Grant is to provide funding to alleviate the costs associated with transporting students to the nature sanctuary who wish to partake in educational programs.

### **Goal**

The goal of the grant is to increase student access to quality hands-on environmental education programs and experiences in nature.

### **Who May Apply**

Any Fayette County school grades K-12 may apply. Applications for the grant should be posted at least 4 weeks before the trip.

### **Program Description**

This grant program enables teachers to provide their students with access to hands-on environmental education programs by providing transportation funding. The grant will cover the cost of bus transportation to and from Raven Run up to \$400 per school during the fall or spring season. All Raven Run programs are presented free of charge.



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### How to Apply

- Review the school programs to determine which program best meets the needs of the students. The list can be found at [www.Ravenrun.org](http://www.Ravenrun.org) or [www.lexingtonky.gov/raven-run-nature-sanctuary](http://www.lexingtonky.gov/raven-run-nature-sanctuary). You may also contact Park Naturalist, Michael Downs, at [cdowns@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:cdowns@lexingtonky.gov) to discuss program selection with questions regarding your choice of educational programs, or to set up a customized program for your students.
- Contact Michael Downs at [cdowns@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:cdowns@lexingtonky.gov) or call the nature center and indicate your interest in participating in a program at Raven Run and to review possible dates for attendance.
- Complete the application, scan and submit as an email attachment to [cdowns@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:cdowns@lexingtonky.gov).
- Members of the Raven Run Citizens Advisory Board and Friends of Raven Run will review the applications to select schools for funding. A response to the grant application will be received within 2 weeks of the request.
- The transportation invoice would normally be sent to the school bookkeeper for payment. Please send a copy of the transportation invoice via email to [cdowns@lexington.gov](mailto:cdowns@lexington.gov) and [info@ravenrun.org](mailto:info@ravenrun.org). A check will be mailed, up to \$400, by The Friends of Raven Run as indicated on the invoice with a copy sent to the school.

### School Must

1. Review subject material (e.g. Habitats) with students prior to the field trip.
2. Assess the impact of the field trip on the students with a post-review in class following the visit to the sanctuary.
3. Complete an evaluation of the program (sent post-program via email) and send feedback to Park Naturalist, Michael Downs, at [cdowns@lexingtonky.gov](mailto:cdowns@lexingtonky.gov).



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School Name	
Mailing Address	
Zip code	
School Phone	
Principal	
Principal's Email Address	
School Website	
Contact Teacher	
Contact Teacher's Email Address	
Grade Level	
Number of Students	
Number of Teachers	
Selected Educational Program	
Proposed Date for Field Experience	
Anticipated Costs	



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## Grant Narrative

Please briefly answer the following questions regarding your school and your proposed field trip and attach to the grant application.

Describe your school. Include demographic information
Statement of need. Why are you applying for the grant?
What classroom learning experiences will students have prior to the field experience?
What are the learning targets for this field experience?
How will you evaluate student learning from this field experience?

## Applicant Signatures

Principal		Date	
Contact Teacher		Date	