

Thank you for choosing Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument (the Monument) as your center for geological, biological, and cultural education. The Monument is managed by the Bureau of Land Management in close cooperation with the Pueblo de Cochiti. Together, we strive to provide an extraordinary experience to our guests each and every day.

The Monument offers free Educational Permits to schools and accredited learning institutions who meet specific criteria. To see if you meet the criteria and to request a free Educational Permit, we recommend that your application be submitted at least two weeks prior to your scheduled visit. Educational Permits are limited and issued on a first come first serve basis. Please provide your field trip information on page 3 of this document.

#### **Field Trip Guidelines:**

Student/Chaperone ratios: The BLM recommends that the State of New Mexico student to teacher ratio guidelines of 10 students per one adult. For groups larger than 72 total visitors, it is preferable to either schedule two separate visits, or stagger groups between the Slot Canyon and Cave Loop trails. This is intended to limit congestion caused by groups entering the slot canyon simultaneously.

Vehicles: Each educational pass can allow up to 6 total vehicles (busses and private vehicles combined). Every vehicle thereafter will be charged according to the Monuments current fee schedule. School groups not having a current permit will be required to either acquire a permit at the fee booth and certify school and/or accreditation status, OR pay the fee according to the current fee schedule, or pay \$2.00 per person (16 and older) or whichever is less.

Educational Permits are only issued to accredited institutions whose purpose is to provide a quality educational experience. Therefore, a lesson plan must be provided with this application prior to receiving an Educational Permit.

# Junior Ranger Guide Books and EKIP Passes:

A Junior Explorer Guide is available for your students. These guides provide fun facts and activities for students to enjoy on the trail or at home. These are available by request and are in limited supply. They can be picked up upon arrival at the Monument or downloaded from <u>our website</u>.

Every Kid in the Park (EKIP) initiative provides free access to federal lands and waters to all 4th graders and three guests. There are two easy ways to get these passes. The Monument can use the information you provided in this application and have your passes ready for your students upon arrival at the Monument, or educators are encouraged to go to <a href="https://www.everykidinapark.gov/">https://www.everykidinapark.gov/</a> and request printable vouchers (up to 50) redeemable for EKIP passes. Signing up is easy and only takes less than 5 minutes to print vouchers for all your students at once. Each student will be able to go home from this trip with their EKIP pass which is good at all Federal Lands for up to one year.

# **Know Before You Go!**

#### Planning for your trip, please consider the following:

- Bring drinking water; there is no water available at the Monument.
- Bring proper sun protection. Sunscreen and a hat are recommended.
- Wear proper clothing and shoes. Call the monument fee booth prior to your trip for up to date weather conditions.
- · Pack a lunch and/or snacks. Pack out all trash.
- Allow enough time to use restroom facilities prior to hiking the trails.
- Anticipate 3 hours total to complete the Slot Canyon Trail hike, 2 hours to complete the Cave Loop Trail hike, and 1 hour to complete the Veterans' Memorial Loop Trail hike.

# During your visit please abide by the following rules:

- Please follow all Supplementary Rules posted in literature and on brochures etc.
- Park larger vehicles and busses in the designated bus/van parking area in an orderly fashion.
- Please divide larger groups into smaller units and stagger entrance into the slot canyon to avoid overcrowding. Suggestion: Have a group enjoy the Cave Loop trail while the other is at the Slot Canyon and vice versa.
- Hiking is allowed on designated trails only; no climbing on the tent rocks or cave.
- No marking on the fragile rock formations and graffiti and defacing of signs, benches, restrooms etc. is strictly forbidden.
- Pack-in and pack-out your trash and unwanted items. Trash receptacles are located in the picnic area for your convenience.
- Please do not bring glass containers or bottles. Broken glass is difficult to pick up and can be a safety hazard to others.
- Please practice "Leave No Trace" outdoor principles. Visit <a href="https://lnt.org/">https://lnt.org/</a> for more information.
- · Collecting of walking sticks, plants, Apache Tears, wildlife, or other natural items is not allowed.
- Please do not disturb or destroy wildlife or plants.
- Cooking using stoves or fires, and fireworks are strictly prohibited.
- Please keep voices/noises to a minimum to help ensure the tranquility of the Monument.
- Dogs are not allowed at the Monument, please leave them at home.
- Drones are not allowed at the Monument for the safety of all visitors.
- Remember, you must have a great experience and learn something new!

Please note: Facilities are inspected throughout the day by Monument Rangers. Groups not abiding by Monument guidelines may be asked to leave and may not receive a permit for 1-year or longer depending on the severity of non-compliance and applicable laws and regulations.

"TAKE NOTHING BUT PICTURES AND LEAVE NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS" ENJOY YOUR VISIT!!!

# Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument Educational Permit Request Form

Please fill out the following information about your group's visit to the Monument:

Date Submitted: Enter a date. School/Institution Name: Enter your School's Name

Desired Visitation Date: Enter a date. School District Name: Enter your School's District

Estimated Arrival Time: Select a Time. School/Institution Address: Enter School's Address

Estimated Departure Time: Select a Time. Teacher/Instructors Name: Enter Teacher's Name

Number of Students: How many Students? Contact Number: Enter Teacher's Phone Number

Number of Chaperons: How many Chaperons? Email Address: Enter Teacher's Email

Number of Vehicles: How many Busses? Lesson Plan Attached: Choose an item.

How Private Vehicles?

Junior Explorer Guides Requested: How many Guides?

Grade Level: Select Grade Level. EKIP passes (4<sup>th</sup> Grade only): How many Passes?

## **Submit Your Educational Permit Request to:**

asuina@blm.gov or blm\_nm\_kktr@blm.gov

Fax: 505-761-8911 attention KKTR

For further information about Kasha-Katuwe Tent Rocks National Monument Educational Permits, please visit <a href="https://www.blm.gov/visit/kktr">https://www.blm.gov/visit/kktr</a>

BLM: Monument fee booth: 505-331-6259 OR the BLM front desk at 505-761-8700