

KIDS TO THE CACHE GRANT APPLICATION



A program for southern Illinois public schools,
sponsored by Friends of the Cache River Watershed

Featuring ancient cypress-tupelo swamps, bottomland hardwood forests, sandstone bluffs and limestone caves, the Cache River Wetlands is a rich and diverse area that provides habitat for many unique and fascinating plants and animals. As such, the Cache offers a great setting for students to explore, discover and learn about many aspects of science, ecology and environmental studies.

As part of our education and outreach mission, Friends of the Cache River Watershed offers \$250 grants each year to assist public schools in southern Illinois that are bringing student groups on field trips to the Cache River State Natural Area and/or Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge.

Funds may be used to help cover costs of the field trip to the Cache, or for related classroom expenses. The annual submission deadline for fall field trips is **September 30** and for spring field trips is **January 30**. A teacher or school may apply for both fall and spring, but must submit two separate applications.

Successful applicants will receive notification of their selection within two weeks of the submission deadline – and, if needed, assistance in planning and scheduling their field trips. Funds will be awarded after the field trip is completed.

Please send all application materials by submission deadline to:

Friends of the Cache River Watershed
ATTN: Kids to the Cache Grant Program
8885 State Route 37 South
Cypress, IL 62923

Contact for questions: franceswachter@gmail.com

School

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Teacher

Phone

E-mail

Grade Level(s)

Number of Participants

Anticipated Field Trip Date

Alternative Dates

(Please note that canoe tours are offered Tuesday-Thursday.)

Please state why this grant should be awarded to your class/school, and how it will benefit participants:
