

# Discover Wildlife Journeys



## Friends of Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge Bus Scholarship Program



### Program Goals

- To provide environmental education opportunities to 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grade students attending Nampa, Caldwell, and Vallivue elementary and middle schools through the *Discover Wildlife Journeys (DWJ)* field trip curriculum.
- To connect students from low socio-economic areas to nature through Refuge field trips by funding field trips for schools where at least 50% of students qualify for the USDA “Free and Reduced Lunch” program.

### Scholarship selection criteria

Review and selection of scholarship applications is always contingent on availability of scholarship funds. Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- **Evidence of Need:** Greater than 50% students in “Free and Reduced Lunch” program.
- **Target Audience:**
  - **District:** Caldwell, Nampa, and Vallivue School Districts as well as private schools in Nampa and Caldwell.
  - **Field Trip:** Participants in *Discover Wildlife Journeys (DWJ)* field trips will receive strong preference. Before a bus invoice will be paid, *DWJ* participants *must*:
    - Submit students’ pre-and post-tests.
    - Have students use *DWJ* workbook before field trip.
    - Provide written teacher field trip evaluation(s).
  - **Grade:** Grades 4-6
- **Amount of Funding:** Target applicants will be eligible for full funding of field trip transportation costs. Other applicants will be eligible for partial funding (50% of each field trip up to \$150).
- Only buses will be funded, not private transportation.

### Application procedure

To apply, complete the Friends of Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge’s *Discover Wildlife Journeys* Bus Scholarship Application. Scholarship applications **for target audiences** (grades 4-6, *DWJ*, and target districts) will be processed in the order received. However, it is recommended to apply as soon as possible after scheduling your field trip. Scholarship applications for **non-target audiences** will be reviewed after 15 September for fall field trips and after 1 February for spring field trips. ***Discover Wildlife Journeys field trips are available only on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.***

An attempt will be made to notify target-audience applicants within two weeks of the receipt of the scholarship application and non-target-audience applicants within two weeks of 15 September or 1 February for fall and spring field trips, respectively.

### Payment of transportation costs

The school district or bus company must submit an invoice for payment to Friends of Deer Flat Wildlife Refuge. Under no circumstances will funds be sent before the scheduled field trip. Payment of scholarships for *DWJ* participants will be contingent on submission of students’ pre-and post-tests, evidence of use of the *DWJ* student workbook pre-visit activities, and submission of written teacher field trip evaluation(s) from each participating class and teacher.



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Date Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_  
Amount awarded: \_\_\_\_\_ Comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date notified: \_\_\_\_\_ Paid: \_\_\_\_\_ Logged: \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*\*Note:** Payment of scholarships is contingent on submission of 1) students' pre-and post-tests, 2) evidence of use of the *DWJ* student workbook pre-visit activities, and 3) submission of written teacher field trip evaluation(s).\*\*

Are you participating in the full DWJ Field Trip program? (i.e. Will you be using the DWJ Student Workbook and pre and post test? )      Y      N

Field Trip Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \*      Alternate Field Trip Date: \_\_\_\_\_ \*

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Note: Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

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

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_ (Please note if private)

Percent of School's Students on Free or Reduced Lunch: \_\_\_\_\_

School Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

School Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Alternate Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Bus Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Estimated Cost: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Buses: \_\_\_\_\_ # of Classes: \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending: Students \_\_\_\_\_ Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Explain the educational purpose of the DWJ Field Trip. What do you want your students to learn from this trip and what standards will the field trip address? (Attach additional page if necessary.)

How does your Refuge visit fit in with your curriculum? (Attach additional page if necessary.)