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Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge Distributes “Every Kid in a Park” Passes

Folkston, GA... If you have a fourth grader at home, your child is eligible to receive a FREE Every Kid in a Park Pass. The new program gives the family an annual pass to over 2,000 federally managed sites across the country, including Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge. “In the lead up to the 100th birthday of the National Park Service in 2016, the President’s Every Kid in a Park initiative is a call to action to get all children to visit and enjoy America’s unparalleled outdoors. America’s public lands and waters offer space to get outside and get active, and are living classrooms that provide opportunities to discover all that America’s public lands and waters have to offer” (White House Fact Sheet).

These passes are good on all federal lands, including national parks, national forests, and national wildlife refuges. For sites that charge a per vehicle fee, everyone in the vehicle receives free entrance. If the site charges a per person fee, the program gives a pass to the student and up to three accompanying adults.

How can your child receive this entrance pass? Fourth grade students must first visit the program’s website at <https://everykidinapark.gov/> and go through the process to print a voucher. With the voucher, come out and visit Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge, where staff at Okefenokee Adventures or Stephen C. Foster State Park will issue your child their pass, which remains valid until August 31, 2016. If you are a teacher and would like for all of your fourth grade students to receive this pass, visit the website <https://everykidinapark.gov/> and click on the educators link.

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The Suwannee Canal Recreation Area (East Entrance) to the Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge is the primary entrance managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and is located 11 miles southwest of Folkston, GA off Hwy 121/23. The refuge is open daily and offers a variety of opportunities for the visiting public. Call 912-496-7836 or visit the refuge website at www.fws.gov/refuge/okefenokee for hours of operation, upcoming events, and entrance fee information.

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