



Transportation Grant Application

The Friends of the Cache River Watershed is a non-profit citizens' group that promotes natural resource conservation throughout the Cache River Watershed in southern Illinois. We work together with landowners and members of the Joint Venture Partnership, which includes Ducks Unlimited, Inc., Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Natural Resource Conservation Service, The Nature Conservancy and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Together we share a common goal to protect and restore 60,000 acres along a 50-mile corridor of the Cache River.

Part of the long term restoration process is education, and the Friends would like to provide a means of environmental education to southern Illinois schools. We are providing transportation grants to alleviate the financial burden of field trips and to provide unique environmental education opportunities within the Cache River Watershed at Cypress Creek National Wildlife Refuge and the Cache River State Natural Area.

Grants will be awarded for up to \$250 to cover the cost of transportation to the Cache River Wetlands. Two grants will be awarded for the spring and two for the fall. The submission deadline for spring field trips is **February 1st** and for fall field trips is **August 1st**. A teacher or school may apply for both fall and spring, but must submit two separate applications.

Applicants will receive notification of their selection within two weeks of the submission deadline. These grants are awarded as a reimbursement only; therefore, it is important that copies of receipts for bus expenditures are included when returning the final report.

Please send all application materials by submission deadline to:

Friends of the Cache River Watershed
Attn: Transportation Grant
8885 State Route 37 South
Cypress, IL 62923

Applicant Information

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 Wednesday-Friday)

Field Trip Location(s) i.e. Heron Pond, Henry Barkhausen Wetlands Center, Lower Cache Access, etc.:

Application Narrative Please attach a one paragraph narrative explaining why this grant should be awarded to your class/school, and how it will benefit the participants.