

Monte Vista School District

DISTRICT-SPONSORED FIELD TRIP PERMISSION FORM

Student: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian of Student: _____

Description of Trip: **Earth Day Service Learning Trip to Great Sand Dunes National Park**

Dates of Trip: **April 23, 2015**

Trip Fee: None

Please Return this Form By: **April 16, 2015**

Comments: See attached activity description.

I hereby give my permission for my student to attend the above-referenced field trip. I hereby release and hold harmless the District, its board members, officers, agents, employees, teachers and authorized volunteers from any all liability, liens, claims, demands, actions or cases of action, whatsoever arising from my student's participation in the above-referenced field trip.

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Parent Email: _____

Volunteer Status Statement (Required by National Park Service for this activity)

Volunteer (Student) Name _____

I affirm that I am the parent/guardian of the above named volunteer. I understand that the NPS agency volunteer program does not provide compensation, except as otherwise provided by law; and that the service will not confer on the volunteer the status of a Federal employee. I have read the attached description of the service that the volunteer will perform. I give my permission for my student to participate in the specified volunteer activity.

Parent Signature

Date

Dear Parents and Guardians of OLA/DELTA Center Students,

We are planning an Earth Day Activity for our students to The Great Sand Dunes Nat'l Park on Thursday Apr. 23, 2015 as a service learning project for our students. This project is a Great Sand Dunes volunteer opportunity and hours will be tracked by the park as such. Letters are available verifying volunteer hours from the park.

This will be an all day activity leaving school promptly at 8:00am and returning to school at about 3:00pm. Parents/Guardians are welcome to attend with their student. For participation you will earn: a **Certificate of Service, 4 hrs. P.E. credit and class assignment credit.** Ask Mr. Dawson or your adviser for information about assignment credit.

Our task for the day will be to transplant trees in the area surrounding the new parking lot. This will provide shade, habitat and help reduce erosion in the area.

The following items will be needed for this fun outdoor activity. Bring plenty of **water** to drink. Bring **snacks** for break times to keep your energy up. **Work clothes, work gloves, hat, sun screen, and work shoes or boots. Dress in layers.** We know that weather in the Valley can change drastically in a short amount of time. We will be transplanting trees from one area of the Park to another which involves shovel work so plan well.

Our tentative schedule is to arrive at the Dunes at about 9:00am and begin activities at 9:20am. Lunch will be provided by the Great Sand Dunes and served at 12:30pm. We will leave the Dunes at 2:15pm to arrive back in Monte Vista by about 3:00pm.

It is important to understand this is a school activity for credit. To participate in this service learning project, you need to meet the following expectations:

1. Students will need to have a signed permission slip from their parent/guardian allowing you to participate on this day.
2. Students will need to be active participants in the day's activities at the Dunes.
3. Be passing at least three of your classes.
4. No smoking is allowed during the trip.
5. Use appropriate language (no cursing or use of language that is not accepted at school).

We need to have a head count prior to the trip to know how many students are participating. This means that students will submit their completed parent/guardian permission by Apr. 16 indicating their intent to participate in Earth Day activities at the Dunes. Also, we need to know at this time if your Parents/Guardians are planning to attend with you.

Please contact Roger Dawson (rogerd@monte.k12.co.us), OLA/DELTA Center, 852-2212 with any questions or concerns. We are looking forward to a fun day and a great opportunity to help contribute to our great outdoors.

Sincerely,

Roger Dawson