

Kids Learning Outdoor Skills Grant FAQs 2024

Who may apply: Schools, teachers, home school groups, scouts, 4H, youth groups wanting to learn Arrows Away, Survivor, Orienteering.

Why apply: To support the Friends of the Porkies mission, "... Sponsor and support interpretive and environmental education activities that contribute to a better understanding of the natural and cultural history of the Porcupine Mountains Wilderness State Park."

What grant funds may be used for: Grant funds may be used for transportation costs. Teachers will follow their school districts plan to determine the cost of the school bus. School buses do not need a DNR park passport. Carpooling groups will use a formula of \$.75 per mile round trip per vehicle. Your vehicles will need a MI DNR Park Passport.

How much is awarded: Monetary awards are typically in the \$100 to \$300 dollar range. The funds are available on a first come-first use-policy by application date.

When to apply: As soon as possible. Have a few approved school district dates in mind, know your transportation cost. Follow these easy steps.

STEP 1- Choose one of the three programs on the KIDS LEARNING OUTDOOR SKILLS IN THE PORCUPINE MOUNTAINS

STEP 2- Contact Park Interpreter Katie Urban at <urbank1@michigan.gov> or call 906 885 5206 to schedule your date, time and program choice. Katie will have a few more questions.

STEP 3- Fill out and send your completed Kids Learning Outdoor Skills Grant Program 2024 Application, found on-line at www.porkies.org>Youth Programs>Kids Outdoor Skills Academy. Information needed will include transportation cost, email and postal address of the business office and group information. The Friends and Katie Urban will share information and the Friends will contact you ASAP to confirm acceptance.

What must be done after the event:

1. Your transportation department emails a final invoice to <friendsofporkies@gmail.com>
2. Send a brief summary and pictures of what your group learned and enjoyed.
3. Carpooling groups email a final invoice and address for the Friends to reimburse the group.