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**What are Youth Camping Grants?**

*The Lassen Park Foundation* in partnership with *Lassen Volcanic National Park* provide grants to non-profit youth organizations to facilitate camping trips for at-risk and underserved youth. By supporting outdoor learning and environmental education, the Foundation hopes to provide a catalyst for change in the lives of a new generation of national park stewards.

For the last twenty years the Foundation has funded up to one week of camping for over 2,000 young people.

**CAMP, LEARN, CONNECT!**

**WHAT IS THERE TO DO IN THE PARK?**

*Lassen Volcanic National Park* is a spectacular landscape “born of fire and forged by ice”. Lassen Peak, at 10,457 feet elevation, is one of the world’s largest plug dome volcanoes. Youth groups can witness the rich diversity of plant and animal life by hiking nature trails, visiting hydrothermal sites, attending Ranger-Led talks, and even hiking to the heights of Lassen Peak. The park is home to alpine valleys, wildflower meadows, volcanic landforms, and breathtaking waterfalls.

For many of the kids, camping is the best part of the adventure! The group campsite has piped water and is close to a paved road, a small store, and coin-operated showers. Park Rangers are available for any questions or any emergency services.

**WHAT IS THE LASSEN PARK FOUNDATION?**

The Lassen Park Foundation provides philanthropic support to preserve and interpret the special natural and cultural resources of Lassen Volcanic National Park and its environs for present and future generations.

Areas of focus are youth programs, enhanced interpretive and educational activities, trail restoration, wildlife research, and cultural resource development.

Those who contribute to the Foundation support the entire Lassen area, helping to preserve its unique beauty for generations to come, as well as enriching the experience of today’s Lassen visitor.

**Youth Camp Program Goals:**

1. Educational excursions provide opportunities for participants to step into Lassen’s rich natural and cultural history.
2. Through exploration of Lassen Volcanic’s mountain ecosystems, participants discover their connection to the complex web of life.
3. Specially designed ranger-led activities emphasizing teamwork and cooperation enable participants to safely experience the great outdoors.
4. Participants experience the reward of outdoor activities that encourage healthier lifestyles.
5. Unforgettable experiences in the great outdoors foster stewardship for our national parks.

**Grants are available!**

Grants up to \$1,000 include funding for transportation, food, and equipment costs or rental. The group campsite at Craggs Campground accommodates a maximum of 25 people -- up to 18 youth and 7 adults.

**Deadline for Application Is May 1, 2015**

**SUPERVISION** — Camping groups are responsible for the organization of the trip and must maintain their own supervision of youth. The foundation provides funds for camping supplies and transportation, but not for supervisory personnel. The Foundation will assist in coordination of plans with park personnel.

**Transportation** — Many activities are not within walking distances from the campsite. It is highly recommended to have transportation during the camping trip.

**INSURANCE** — Please provide a copy of your insurance coverage.

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