

Enclosure 2 - Implementation Guidance for Expansion of the Every Kid Outdoors (5th Grader Voucher) Program

1. On 6 November 2020, the Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works directed the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to implement a program to recognize 5th Grade students in a similar manner that 4th Grade students are currently recognized through the Every Kid Outdoors (EKO) initiative. Fourth grade students are currently eligible for free admittance to federal recreation lands that charge a fee. Beginning immediately, all 5th grade students are now eligible for the same benefit. The following implementation guidance is provided.

- a. Fifth grade students (including home-schooled and free-choice learners) can visit the National Park Service website at <https://www.nps.gov/kids/fifthgrade.htm> to obtain and print a paper voucher.
- b. Students should present the paper voucher at federal locations that charge a per-person entrance fee, a standard amenity, or day use recreation fee. Electronic versions of paper vouchers will not be accepted. The paper voucher CANNOT be exchanged for the physical Every Kid Outdoors Annual 4th Grade Pass. An equivalent 5th Grade Pass will NOT be issued.
- c. All USACE managed recreation areas will honor the voucher and allow the student, as well as travelling companions who are occupants of a single, private non-commercial vehicle OR the student and three persons (16 and older) where per person fees are charged free admittance in accordance with program rules.
- d. The voucher is not valid at recreational lease areas or other areas at USACE water resource projects not managed by USACE, unless the managing agency chooses to honor the voucher. It is also not valid for fees for specialized facilities (e.g., group picnic shelters) and events.
- e. This benefit does NOT apply to camping or camping related services, no discount is available.
- f. When using recreation areas that do not have a staffed entrance station and where a fee is charged, the voucher should be displayed on the dashboard of the vehicle in lieu of proof of payment.
- g. All vouchers will expire on 31 August 2021, regardless of the date issued.