

Join North Pennines Champions and you could receive a £300 travel grant!

The North Pennines Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty Partnership's (NPAP's) Living North Pennines project is pleased to announce the North Pennines Champions scheme.

By enrolling as a North Pennines Champions school this year you can access funds of up to £300. This funding is available to schools that are planning to visit sites within, or on the fringes of, the North Pennines AONB. The North Pennines AONB boundary is shown on the enclosed leaflet. Some of the sites you may wish to consider visiting are listed below but educational visits to all areas within the AONB will be eligible for grant assistance.

County Durham

- Bowlees Visitor Centre
- High Force
- Harehope Quarry
- Hamsterley Forest
- Killhope Mining Museum

Northumberland

- Allen Banks and Staward Gorge

Cumbria

- Talkin Tarn Country Park
- Alston and the South Tyne
- Nenthead Mines



As a North Pennines Champions School you will have access to:

- Travel Grants.
- Resources for environmental education.
- Opportunities to get involved in curriculum based projects.
- INSET training sessions.
- Termly E bulletins to keep you informed about environmental learning opportunities.
- You will also be invited to attend our activity weeks which will be running in the summer term of 2009 and again in 2010.

To obtain a grant you must sign up to the North Pennines Champions Scheme. Funding is however, limited and grants will be awarded annually on a first come first served basis. NPAP reserves the right to limit the number of grants awarded to one per member school per year. In exchange for the grant assistance the NPAP will require your school to:

1) Nominate a member of staff who would be interested in becoming one of our link teachers and supply their contact details.

2) Collect photos of your day out and completed NPAP Photographic Consent Forms in order that the images may be used by the NPAP in future publicity and for grant reporting purposes. (photos should be sent on a disc to Nic Cullens at nicola@northpenninesaonb.org.uk).

3) Compile students' documentation covering their day outside in the North Pennines. This is really flexible and can be anything from pictures or paintings, stories and written work or even video footage of the day.

4) Prior to the visit, forward your lesson plans to us. We will be happy to work with you to ensure the very best experiences are achieved. Post visit you will be asked to complete a basic evaluation form (one side of A4).

5) Ensure children wear safety tabards and caps as supplied by NPAP where appropriate.

To register with the scheme and apply for a travel grant simply fill in the enclosed form and send it to Nic Cullens at the above address.

Alternatively you can reach us by email at Nicola@northpenninesaonb.org.uk. We will then work with you to help to arrange your visit and activities. Please contact either Emma Boor: emma@northpenninesaonb.org.uk or Nic Cullens: nicola@northpenninesaonb.org.uk (01388 528801) for further information.

Best wishes, fingers crossed for good weather, and we look forward to receiving your completed applications.

Yours faithfully,

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