



FRIENDS OF CAMP COLTON FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

The Friends of Camp Colton (Friends) Fellowship Program began as a collaborative effort between Friends and W.L. Gore & Associates Medical Products Division to expand the reach of Camp Colton's environmental education programs to a greater number of northern Arizona children. **Fellowships are currently available to offset the Camp Colton tuition cost for rural and underserved schools in Northern Arizona and Flagstaff area schools.**

Camp Colton is owned by the Flagstaff Unified School District (FUSD) and is a residential environmental education center that introduces children to the wonders of the natural environment through hands-on learning experiences. Since the program began in 1971, FUSD students have attended Camp Colton at no cost as an integrated part of their classroom science studies (expense offset by FUSD, tax credit donations and funds raised by Friends). **Teachers/Administrators from non-FUSD schools in the northern Arizona region are invited to apply for a Friends Fellowship to reduce the overall tuition fee for your 6th grade class.**

The 6th Grade Camp Colton Program:

- Accompanied by classroom teachers and taught by the Camp's team of experienced environmental educators, sixth graders spend four-days and three-nights at Camp Colton learning about and connecting with the natural environment.
- Camp Colton's curriculum is standards-aligned, STEM-based, and offers an engaging schedule of environmental science programs.
- Students also enjoy team-building and traditional outdoor activities such as hikes, archery, campfires, arts and crafts, games, and square dancing.

This four-day/three-night program is \$400 per student and accompanying teachers are free-of-cost (this price includes room and board but not transportation). To apply for Fellowship funds, teachers/administrators complete the following (or online) application. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis (via mail or online at FriendsofCampColton.org) for Camp Colton's spring and fall sessions. Applications are reviewed at monthly board meetings and applicants will be notified of funding outcomes within 6 weeks of their application date. Please contact the Friends of Camp Colton for additional information.

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FRIENDS OF CAMP COLTON FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

Application Date: _____ School Name: _____

Has your school previously attended Camp Colton? _____ If so, when: _____

Applicant Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

School Address: _____

Who Will Benefit from Fellowship Support?

Camp Colton is designed as a classroom experience, where all students within a class attend and are accompanied by their classroom teacher/s. Fellowship funds should be used to offset the total tuition cost of sending your entire 6th grade class to Camp Colton.

- Total # of sixth graders in your class/school who will attend Camp Colton: _____

- Our sixth grade class has _____ (#) female students, _____ (#) of male students, and _____ (#) non-binary students

- Our sixth grade class includes:
_____ (#) Caucasian. _____ (#) Native American _____ (#) African American _____ (#)
Hispanic _____ (#) Asian Students _____ (#) Multiple Ethnicity

- _____ (#) of our sixth grade students are from low-income backgrounds.

What criteria did you use to establish low-income status?

- Total # of teachers/staff who will accompany sixth graders to Camp Colton: _____
- Based on enrollment numbers and the Camp's teaching model, classes from different schools may be grouped together. The Camp typically follows a Mon-Thurs schedule (Tues-Fridays also available at the discretion of the Camp Director). Contact Camp Colton Director Jackson Carranco for schedule options during Camp Colton's spring and fall seasons (jcarranco@fUSD1.org, 661.302.7260).
 - DATE OPTION 1: _____
 - DATE OPTION 2: _____
 - DATE OPTION 3: _____



SHORT ANSWER (please use additional pages and limit each response to 350 words):

- Please describe how STEM education is currently implemented at your school and why and how you plan to incorporate Camp Colton's outdoor environmental STEM programs with your sixth grade classroom curriculum.
- If your request is only partially funded, what is your plan to fundraise the balance of tuition fees for your students to attend Camp Colton?
- Anything else you'd like to share?

REQUEST FOR FELLOWSHIP SUPPORT:

- Total # of 6th grade students _____ x tuition fee of \$400/student = \$ _____ (total tuition cost)
- Fellowship funding in the amount of \$_____ is requested.

Note: Your Fellowship request should be based on the % of students who qualify as low income. For example, if 50% of your students qualify as low income then your fellowship request should be for 50% of your total class tuition fee.

More Notes: Friends will award Fellowship funds based on the number of students from your school attending Camp Colton and these funds will be transferred directly to FUSD-Camp Colton. One month prior to attending Camp Colton, the participating school will provide a certificate of liability insurance (\$2,000,000 per occurrence which names Flagstaff Unified School District as additional insured) to the Flagstaff Unified School District. The Arizona School Risk Retention Trust offers insurance policies for schools/school districts. Visit www.the-trust.org for more information or contact them at 800.266.4911. FUSD-Camp Colton will invoice each school for the remainder of the cost after students attend Camp.

FELLOWSHIP REQUIREMENTS AND REPORTING:

If you receive Fellowship funding from Friends of Camp Colton, you must submit at least one individual student impact story and a general paragraph about the overall benefit for your students after you attend Camp Colton. In addition, your 6th grade science teachers must commit to teaching the concepts in the pre-Camp and post-Camp curriculum (provided by Friends of Camp Colton). By checking the box below, you agree to these requirements.

☐ I agree to the requirements of this grant application.



AUTHORIZATION:

As an authorized representative of _____ (school name), my signature confirms that the information submitted in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

School Administrator/Printed Name & Title

Signature

Email Address

Phone Number

Date