

115TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 3186

AN ACT

To establish an Every Kid Outdoors program, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Every Kid Outdoors
3 Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

5 In this Act:

6 (1) **FEDERAL LAND AND WATERS.**—The term
7 “Federal land and waters” means any Federal land
8 or body of water under the jurisdiction of any of the
9 Secretaries to which the public has access.

10 (2) **PROGRAM.**—The term “program” means
11 the Every Kid Outdoors program established under
12 section 3(a).

13 (3) **SECRETARIES.**—The term “Secretaries”
14 means—

15 (A) the Secretary of the Interior, acting
16 through—

17 (i) the Director of the National Park
18 Service;

19 (ii) the Director of the United States
20 Fish and Wildlife Service;

21 (iii) the Director of the Bureau of
22 Land Management; and

23 (iv) the Commissioner of Reclamation;

24 (B) the Secretary of Agriculture, acting
25 through the Chief of the Forest Service;

1 (C) the Secretary of Commerce, acting
2 through the Administrator of the National Oce-
3 anic and Atmospheric Administration; and

4 (D) the Secretary of the Army, acting
5 through the Chief of Engineers of the Corps of
6 Engineers.

7 (4) STATE.—The term “State” means each of
8 the several States, the District of Columbia, Amer-
9 ican Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands,
10 Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands of the United States,
11 and any other territory or possession of the United
12 States.

13 (5) STUDENT OR STUDENTS.—The term “stu-
14 dent” or “students” means any fourth grader or
15 home-schooled learner 10 years of age residing in
16 the United States, including any territory or posses-
17 sion of the United States.

18 **SEC. 3. EVERY KID OUTDOORS PROGRAM.**

19 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—The Secretaries shall jointly
20 establish a program, to be known as the “Every Kid Out-
21 doors program”, to provide free access to Federal land and
22 waters for students and accompanying individuals in ac-
23 cordance with this section.

24 (b) ANNUAL PASSES.—

1 (1) IN GENERAL.—At the request of a student,
2 the Secretaries shall issue a pass to the student,
3 which allows access to Federal lands and waters for
4 which access is subject to an entrance, standard
5 amenity, or day use fee, free of charge for the stu-
6 dent and—

7 (A) in the case of a per-vehicle fee area—

8 (i) any passengers accompanying the
9 student in a private, noncommercial vehi-
10 cle; or

11 (ii) not more than three adults accom-
12 panying the student on bicycles; or

13 (B) in the case of a per-person fee area,
14 not more than three adults accompanying the
15 student.

16 (2) TERM.—A pass described in paragraph (1)
17 shall be effective during the period beginning on
18 September 1 and ending on August 31 of the fol-
19 lowing year.

20 (3) PRESENCE OF A STUDENT IN GRADE FOUR
21 REQUIRED.—A pass described in paragraph (1) shall
22 be effective only if the student to which the pass was
23 issued is present at the point of entry to the applica-
24 ble Federal land or water.

1 (c) OTHER ACTIVITIES.—In carrying out the pro-
2 gram, the Secretaries—

3 (1) may collaborate with State Park systems
4 that opt to implement a complementary Every Kid
5 Outdoors State park pass;

6 (2) may coordinate with the Secretary of Edu-
7 cation to implement the program;

8 (3) shall maintain a publicly available website
9 with information about the program;

10 (4) may provide visitor services for the pro-
11 gram; and

12 (5) may support approved partners of the Fed-
13 eral land and waters by providing the partners with
14 opportunities to participate in the program.

15 (d) REPORTS.—The Secretary of the Interior, in co-
16 ordination with each Secretary, shall prepare a com-
17 prehensive report to Congress each year describing—

18 (1) the implementation of the program;

19 (2) the number and geographical distribution of
20 students who participated in the program; and

21 (3) the number of passes described in sub-
22 section (b)(1) that were distributed.

23 (e) SUNSET.—The authorities provided in this Act,
24 including the reporting requirement, shall expire on the

1 date that is 7 years after the date of enactment of this
2 Act.

Passed the House of Representatives September 12,
2018.

Attest:

Clerk.

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