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Invitation for Libraries to Submit Proposals
for
Learning About and Appreciating Nature and the Environment

Release Date: March 1, 2022

Proposal Due Date: April 8, 2022

Purpose:

To provide opportunities for families and children of all ages to enjoy, learn about and appreciate the joys and benefits of the natural world including its creatures, plants, and recreational opportunities. Proposals should be consistent with and in support of the Adirondack Mountain Club's (ADK's) mission:

Mission Statement:

ADK works to protect New York's wild lands and waters by promoting responsible outdoor recreation and building a statewide constituency of land stewardship advocates.

About Us

Based out of Adirondack Park in New York State, ADK is a leader in providing outdoor education, promoting responsible recreation, and organizing stewardship experiences. Since 1922, the organization has worked to increase access to the backcountry by building trails, conserving natural areas, and developing a stewardship community that supports the ethical and safe use of New York's outdoor spaces. A member, donor, and volunteer-supported organization, ADK reaches across New York through its twenty-seven chapters to inspire people to enjoy the outdoors ethically.

Funding Source:

Funding will be provided by the Mid-Hudson Chapter of ADK (MHADK). MHADK may amend this opportunity at any time and reserves the right to make no donations.

Possible Approaches:

Ideas for projects are endless but could include a myriad of approaches to learn about and/or be involved with nature and the outdoors including but not limited to flowers, birds, mammals, reptiles, plants, geology, weather, conservation, invasive species and outdoor recreation. Funding may cover many aspects of a program including but not limited to books, teachers, guides, equipment, and outings.

Special consideration will be given to proposals which include other funding such as monetary contributions, donations from partners such as local nature preserves, civic organizations and others. In-kind contributions are encouraged but not mandatory. Contributions may include personnel such as guides and educators, equipment, books, transportation, etc.

Format:

Proposals should be ***one to three pages*** long and in letter form, or a form created by the proposer or another source. Proposals should include:

- Project Title
- Project Description
- Project Budget - Itemized
- Project Timeline and Schedule

Funding and Requirements:

A maximum of \$ 5,000.00 is available in calendar year 2022 for all proposals. However, if so, many exceptional proposals are received the funding of which would exceed this amount, the Mid-Hudson Chapter MAY be able to obtain additional funding. This is not likely. Funding should be expended in calendar year 2022, but projects that extend into 2023 will be considered, if explained. Generally, projects will be supported for an amount up to \$500; however, there may be exceptions to this guideline.

A brief final report will be required that does not exceed 3 pages. The report should include: number of participants in adult and child categories, name of leader(s) of project, dates, duration, activities, results, and amount spent. We would appreciate an interim report, if the project is not completed by the end of CY 2022.

Proposals are due no later than the due date specified above. Proposals received after that date will not be considered. We expect to notify those submitting proposals by the mid-May if they will be funded. Checks will be mailed out shortly after.

Publicity and Acknowledgements:

Program participants should be informed that the project is sponsored by a grant from the Mid- Hudson Chapter of ADK (MHADK). The same is true of communiques to patrons such as newsletters, reports to the Library Board, and publicity. When the funding checks are mailed by MHADK, labels will be included which are to be applied to books and other purchased material. MHADK informational brochures will also be provided for display and distribution as appropriate.

Submission:

Proposals and questions should be submitted to:

Carla Barrett, Chair, ADK Mid-Hudson Chapter at barrettinclinton@gmail.com