

KHOC: Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Why can't teachers who have participated in KHOC three or more times apply this year?

A: This year we are asking these experienced KHOC teachers to use our self-guiding materials & activities (which were presented in orientations last year, and are available on the KHOC website) to lead their own field trips. This will help free up transportation resources and naturalists for groups who have not yet had this experience. With over 125 teachers and their classes expected to participate this year, we're hoping to build teacher confidence and provide materials and activities to make this possible.

Q: If I'm not eligible to apply this year, can I still get KHOC booklets for my class?

A: Please contact us with your request for booklets at khoc@ebparks.org. If we have extras after supplying this year's participants, we'll be happy to distribute these.

Q. Do all teachers in the program need to attend an orientation?

A. Yes, all teachers, even if they're from the same school, need to attend an orientation. They don't all have to attend the same orientation, but, in order to qualify for a free bus for their class, they need to sign up and attend an orientation. You can choose any orientation you like, and there is even a shorter one for returning KHOC teachers.

Q. Are the park locations where the orientations are held the only parks available to schedule our free bus for a field trip?

A. No. Each teacher that attends an orientation is eligible to receive a free bus and request a naturalist to lead a field trip in one of our 65 Regional Parks, not just the park where the orientation is held.

Q. Can teachers returning for their third year of participation in KHOC use the self-guiding materials to lead their own program in a park?

A. Teachers returning for their third year of KHOC are *encouraged* to do this, freeing up naturalist time for less experienced teachers. It could be helpful to choose an orientation *location* (rather than date) where they are most interested in leading a program.

Q: What if I cannot make any of the orientation dates?

A: We're not going to be able to provide a bus for teachers who can't come to an orientation. However, if another teacher is coming to an orientation from your school, you may still use the KHOC booklets and go along on a field trip with another teacher who does attend the orientation & participates in KHOC, since each bus holds more than one class.

Q: Can more than 4 teachers from my school participate?

A: Please email khoc@ebparks.org with details about your individual request to have more than 4 teachers participate. This may be possible if there are sufficient resources to allow more teachers to participate after all the applications have been processed.

For more information, please email khoc@ebparks.org