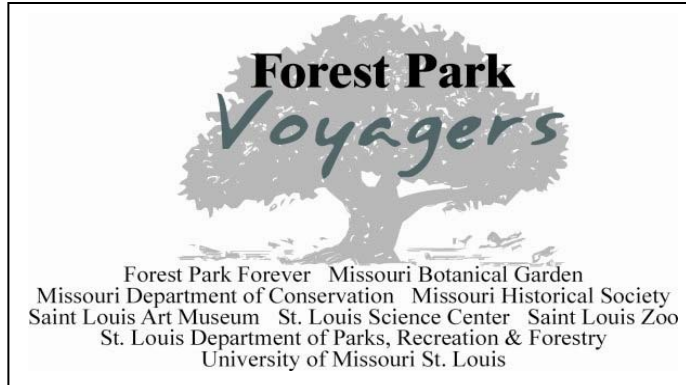


“The Voyage of Learning is the best resource and experience you can give yourself. It is invaluable.”

Academy Graduate



“One of the best workshops I have ever taken, if not the best. I will tell my colleagues at school that they have no idea what Forest Park has to offer their curriculum.”

Academy Graduate

A Voyage of Learning 2010 Teacher Academy

Imagine Forest Park filled with students and teachers engaged in memorable, unique as well as educational activities. *Imagine* teachers who are comfortable, confident and effective experiential, outdoor educators. *Imagine* an event that makes all of this possible.

Forest Park Forever, the cultural institutions of the park and other organizations have joined forces to do just that. This group is called The Voyagers. It is a true collaborative effort that provides the resources, planning, and delivery of *A Voyage of Learning Teacher Academy* in July 2010. *A Voyage of Learning* is an experiential education program that:

- ❖ Transforms Forest Park into an experiential learning lab.
- ❖ Builds teachers' skills in investigative experiential outdoor education.
- ❖ Promotes an interdisciplinary approach for teaching and learning.
- ❖ Develops the skills for aligning the outdoor education curriculum with Missouri “Show-Me” Standards.
- ❖ Creates a pool of resources in Forest Park for teachers for future field experiences.
- ❖ Blends the *Voyage of Learning* experience with the various Voyager institutions.
- ❖ MEEA Certified (Missouri Environmental Education Association)

DATES: Voyagers Rendezvous June 17, 2010 (Attendance Optional)
Orientation & Reception, July 6, 2010, 4:00-7:30 pm
Academy, July 7-9 and 12-16, 2010, 8:00 am – 3:00 pm

OUTCOME: Forest Park related curriculum aligned with Missouri “Show Me” standards and ready for implementation during the 2010-2011 school year; **Bus Transportation Funds available for one class trip per teacher to Forest Park**

APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

- ❑ Candidates must complete and submit this application along with a recommendation signed by the principal (or equivalent) of their school.
- ❑ Submit completed applications to: *A Voyage of Learning* Selection Committee
c/o Forest Park Forever
5595 Grand Drive in Forest Park
St. Louis, MO 63112
Fax: 314-367-7622

Personal Information

Full Name _____ Preferred Name/Nickname _____

Home Address _____
Street

City

State

Zip

Day Telephone _____ Evening Telephone _____

Preferred E-mail Address _____

Employment

School _____

District _____

School Address _____
City State Zip

School Telephone _____ Job Title _____

Please tell us about your current and past teaching/education positions, starting with current position working back:

School Name	Years	Grades taught	Curricular emphasis (if any)
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Participant Input

You may continue your answers on a separate sheet of paper if needed.

1. Why are you a good candidate to attend the "Voyage of Learning" in Forest Park? _____

2. Describe your favorite part of Forest Park and explain why it is special to you _____

3. Do you have experience in outdoor, experiential learning? YES NO

4. Do you plan to attend the Voyage of Learning for graduate credits? YES NO

Program Schedule 2010

- June 17 Voyagers Rendezvous, 4:00-6:00 (Optional—will include dedication of new Council Circle)
- July 6 Academy Orientation in Forest Park, 4:00-7:30 pm.
- July 7 through 9 *A Voyage of Learning*, 2010 Teacher Academy in Forest Park
and 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. daily in Forest Park (Total of 8 days)
July 12 through 16 *A continental breakfast and a boxed lunch are provided daily.

FEES, STIPENDS, AND EDUCATION CREDIT

- ❑ To reserve your space in the *A Voyage of Learning* 2010 Teacher's Academy a fee of \$150 is required. Payment is due by June 14, 2010. *Checks should be made payable to Forest Park Forever.* Teachers who withdraw from the program on or after June 14 forfeit the fee.
- ❑ Participants who pay their fee, either personally or through their school's professional development funds, receive a **\$150 stipend** after successfully completing the eight-day *Voyage of Learning* Teacher's Academy.
- ❑ Although not required, teachers are encouraged to participate in TEAMS from their schools.
- ❑ Funding for one bus per teacher available during the coming school year; teams of teachers may combine their classes to stretch their transportation resources.
- ❑ 62 Professional Development Clock Hours or 5 PDUs awarded.
- ❑ The Academy qualifies for 3 graduate credit hours through the University of Missouri St. Louis. Teachers wishing to apply for graduate credits are responsible for an additional payment to UMSL. UMSL has not yet set the 2010 price, but in previous years the 3 credits have cost approximately \$340. Applications for graduate credits will be made available at the Academy Orientation.

Applicant's Commitment

I am willing to make all of the above Academy sessions for the full duration of the day. I am aware that my absenteeism may result in forfeiture of my stipend and/or my being dropped from the program. I am also aware that the bulk of the program will be held in an outdoor environment. I will participate fully in the program as described.

Signature _____ Date _____

Administrator's Recommendation

This form must be signed by school principal or equivalent supervisor and included with the application.

Applicant's name: _____

Applicant's school and school district: _____

Applicant's position with the school: _____

After completing *A Voyage of Learning 2010 Teacher's Academy*, participants will be bringing new knowledge and skills to the classroom. Participants receive a \$150.00 stipend after successful completion of the orientation and eight-day academy. Participants will also be asked to bring their students to Forest Park and/or provide outdoor learning experiences for their students. Reimbursement for one bus trip to Forest Park will be provided to each participant in the year following the course. It is intended that this trip be a supplement to, and not a

I am aware of the scope, objectives, and expectations of *A Voyage of Learning 2010 Teacher's Academy*. I fully support this faculty member's participation in this professional development program.

Check One:

- Our school or school district agrees to pay the fee of \$150.00 for this applicant to attend the Forest Park *Voyage of Learning Teacher's Academy*. Please send an invoice to the school.
- This faculty member is responsible for his/her \$150.00 fee.

Payment is due by June 14, 2010 and is payable to Forest Park Forever. *Please call Forest Park Forever at 314-367-7275 or email voyagers@forestparkforever.org if you have questions.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print name: _____ Title: _____

Telephone number: _____

Please feel free to photocopy and distribute this information to any potential candidates for the "Voyage of Learning." **Program is limited to 30 participants each year.**