Nature Camp 2014 Scholarship Application Form

The John Clayton Chapter is now considering candidates for scholarships for Summer 2014 sessions of Nature Camp at Vesuvius, Virginia. Nature Camp is a coeducational, academic camp that emphasizes education in natural history and environmental studies for students currently in 5th - 12th grades. It is intended for those with a genuine interest in the natural world. Campers are required to attend class daily, maintain a notebook, complete a written project for each class and participate in outdoor activities. Scholarship winners are encouraged to take a botany course while at camp. Those seeking a purely recreational experience will not be happy at this camp. Scholarship recipients will be expected to give a brief report on their camp experience at a chapter meeting.

Two applications are required:
1. This Scholarship Application Form of John Clayton Chapter, VNPS.

The 2014 session dates are:
Session One, June 15-28, Grades 9-12
Session Two, June 29-July 12, Grades 8-9
Session Three, July 13-26, Grades 6-8
Session Four, July 27-August 9, Grades 5-6

Please complete the information below.

On my honor, I am responsible for all work on this application.
Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________________

Name of scholarship applicant ____________________________

Male ___ Female ___ Date of Birth ____________ Current Grade in School: ____________

Name of School/Organization: _____________________________

Home Address: Street or PO Box: _______________________________________________

City, State, Zip: _____________________________________________________________

Name of parent or guardian: _________________________________________________

Telephone: ___________________________ Email: ________________________________

Have you attended Nature Camp before? Yes__ No__
-If yes, did you receive a scholarship? Yes__ No__
-How did you find out about this scholarship?

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Mail Application and Essay to:
John Clayton Chapter, VNPS
Nature Camp Selection Committee
PO Box 1128
Williamsburg VA 23187

Must be postmarked by Jan 6, 2014
Instructions for Student’s Essay for Nature Camp 2014 Scholarship

Please print and sign your name at the top of your essay. Write in your own words a short essay (300 words or less) covering the following points:

1. What are your interests in nature and/or the environment?
2. How do you expect to benefit from your Nature Camp experience?
3. How might you use the knowledge gained from Nature Camp?

Attach your essay to the Nature Camp 2014 Scholarship Application Form.

Instructions for Recommendation Page

Ask a teacher, group leader or other person with knowledge of your interest in studying nature and the environment to fill out the Recommendation Page (on next page).

Provide recommender with a stamped envelope addressed to the John Clayton Chapter, VNPS, Nature Camp Scholarship Committee (address on page 1 in box) for mailing the recommendation directly to the Scholarship Committee. You are responsible for making sure that your recommender has completed and mailed the recommendation to the Scholarship Committee. All materials must be postmarked by January 6, 2014.
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Recommendation Page

To be filled out by applicant’s science teacher, 4-H Club Leader, Scout Leader or other person with knowledge of applicant’s interest in studying plants, nature and the environment.

Student’s Name: ____________________________________________

Teacher’s/Leader’s Name: ___________________ Subject taught or Position: __________

School or Organization: _________________________________________

The purpose of this questionnaire is to assist the scholarship committee in determining whether or not this student is well motivated and would benefit from this Nature Camp experience. Please note that campers attend classes daily and are expected to keep a notebook; some levels are required to complete a written project for each class.

Please rate your student by checking your answer in the following areas:

1. Displays serious interest in the areas of science and/or the environment

   Don’t know___ Never___ Seldom___ Sometimes___ Usually___ Always___

2. Capable of keeping a written notebook on camp projects and/or classes

   Don’t know___ Never___ Seldom___ Sometimes___ Usually___ Always___

3. Ability to work in a group in all kinds of weather

   Don’t know___ Never___ Seldom___ Sometimes___ Usually___ Always___

4. Has the ability to self-motivate and work independently

   Don’t know___ Never___ Seldom___ Sometimes___ Usually___ Always___

We encourage you to use the back of this sheet to add your comments.

Teacher’s/Leader’s Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

Mail completed form to: John Clayton Chapter, VNPS, Nature Camp Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 1128, Williamsburg VA 23187. Recommendation must be postmarked by Jan 6, 2014.