

Nature Camp 2016 Scholarship Application Form

The John Clayton Chapter is now considering candidates for scholarships for Summer 2016 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 invited 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.
2. Nature Camp Application Form, www.naturecamp.net (check for Session/grade requirements)

The 2016 session dates are: (Grade = completed before camp session.)

Session One, June 19-July 2, Grades 9-12 Session Three, July 17-July 30, Grades 6-8

Session Two, July 3-July 16, Grades 8-9 Session Four, July 31-August 13, 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?

Mail Application and Essay to:

John Clayton Chapter, VNPS
Nature Camp Selection Committee
PO Box 1128
Williamsburg VA 23187

Must be postmarked by Jan 7, 2016

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Instructions for Student's Essay for Nature Camp 2016 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 JCC/VNPS [Nature Camp 2016 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** (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 7, 2016.**

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Nature Camp 2016 Scholarship Application - Recommendation

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. Your recommendation will be strengthened by adding comments about demonstrated interest in science activities.

Teacher's/Leader's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Email address _____

Please 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 7, 2016.**