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Nature Camp Scholarship Guidelines

Download this fillable pdf onto your computer, complete the next page, and submit as an attachment via email. If you prefer, print & complete on paper, then submit via U.S. Mail.

Scholarship Eligibility:

- Applicants must be eligible to attend a summer session of Nature Camp - completing grade 5 - 12 by the end of the current school year.
- Preference is given to residents of Augusta County, Staunton, or Waynesboro, but other applicants will be considered at the sole discretion of the Augusta Bird Club.
- The application deadline of **December 15** is before registration opens for Nature Camp. Applicants will be notified of award amounts by mid-January. Any awarded funds will be sent directly to Nature Camp.

Process:

- Submit a completed application by **December 15**:
 - ☐ Application Form
 - ☐ A recommendation from an unrelated teacher (either sent directly by the teacher or attached with the application form)
 - ☐ A short personal essay of no more than 150 words that includes
 - (1) which category of nature most interests you, such as herpetology, entomology, etc., and what triggered that interest;
 - (2) examples of your activities at home, school or community that reflect your interest in nature;
 - (3) any other personal information that demonstrates why Nature Camp is a good fit for you
- Late, partial or incomplete applications may not be considered.
- Candidates may be asked to participate in an interview.
- Scholarship recipients and award amounts will be at the sole discretion of the ABC Education Committee and the Board of Directors. The decision is final and not subject to review or appeal. *Awards will be announced in mid-January **before** camp registration opens.
- Apply to Nature Camp and be accepted into a summer session -
<https://www.naturecamp.net/youth-sessions/camper-application/>

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Nature Camp Scholarship Application

Applicant Name _____

Home Address _____

Applicant Phone _____ Email address _____

School _____ Current Grade Level _____

Do you have an ABC Member/Sponsor (YES/NO) _____

If yes, Name and Relationship _____

Extracurricular activities _____

Favorite subjects _____

Books you have read in the past year _____

Camps previously attended _____

Name of teacher providing recommendation _____ School _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Phone _____ Parent/Guardian Email _____

Essay instructions are provided on the first page of this application packet. Please submit the essay as either an email or as an attachment in PDF form, or print it out and send by mail with the rest of the application.

Send completed applications, essays and recommendations by email to FosterCabin@hotmail.com or mail to Sarah Foster, 828 Eidson Creek Rd, Staunton, VA 24401. You should receive an email confirming receipt within 5 days. If you do not receive this notification, please send an email inquiry to FosterCabin@hotmail.com.

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