

Nature Camp 2010 Scholarship Application Form

The John Clayton Chapter is now considering candidates for scholarships for Summer 2010 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.

Two applications are required:

Scholarship Application Form of John Clayton Chapter, VNPS - below.

Nature Camp Application Form, www.naturecamp.net

The 2010 session dates are:

Session One, June 20-July 3, Grades 9-12

Session Two, July 4-17, Grades 8-9

Session Three, July 18-31, Grades 7-8

Session Four, August 1-14, Grades 5-6

Please complete the information below.

On my honor, I am responsible for all of the 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

Mail Scholarship Application and Essay
to:

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

Must be received by: January 15, 2010

Instructions for Student's Essay for Nature Camp 2010 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 2010 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** (given below).
- 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 so that it is received by the Scholarship Committee **by January 15**.

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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 circling 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
0	1	2	3	4	5

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

Don't know	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
0	1	2	3	4	5

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

Don't know	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
0	1	2	3	4	5

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

Don't know	Never	Seldom	Sometimes	Usually	Always
0	1	2	3	4	5

Please use the back of this sheet if you would like to add any 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 Form must be received by January 15, 2010.**