



APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT - Summer 2020

Total fee is \$960

Return to: 310 Enfield Rd., Lexington, VA 24450

Additional information available from Philip Coulling, Executive Director
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APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED OR SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY ON OR AFTER 15 JANUARY 2020. EARLIER SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH PAGES/SIDES OF THIS FORM.

Check box corresponding to session requested (indicate first and second choices as appropriate)

- First Session June 14 - June 27 \*Grades 10 - 11 - 12
Second Session June 28 - July 11 \*Grades 8 - 9
Third Session July 12 - July 25 \*Grades 7 - 8
Fourth Session July 26 - August 8 \*Grades 5 - 6
\* Grade in which an applicant is currently enrolled (i.e., 2019-2020 school year)

PLEASE NOTE: The youngest campers we accept must have completed 5th grade before the summer. Exceptions to designated grade ranges may be considered if scheduling conflicts arise, but justification for such an exception must be provided.

Name of applicant: Likes to be called:

Gender: Date of birth: Current grade in school:

Home address: Street or P.O. Box City State Zip

Applicant's e-mail address (for camp newspaper):

Guardian 1 Information (mother, father or legal guardian) Relationship to applicant:

Name: E-mail:

Telephone (day): (evening): Preferred method of communication:

Guardian 2 Information (mother, father or 2nd legal guardian, if applicable) Relationship to applicant:

Name: E-mail:

Telephone (day): (evening): Preferred method of communication:

Applicant's address is that of (check one) Should duplicate mailings be sent to Guardian 2?
Both parents Yes If YES, then please provide address:
Mother No
Father
Other guardian:

If camper is to receive tuition assistance, in part or in full, from a garden club or other sponsoring organization, please provide the amount of scholarship; name of the organization; full address, telephone number and additional contact information for representative; and other relevant details. Please note that if applicant is accepted, he or she is responsible for ensuring that payment is made by supporting organization.

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For new campers: Please tell us how you learned about Nature Camp.

### **Information for Parent(s)/Guardian(s)**

Nature Camp is a coeducational, residential, academic camp that emphasizes education in natural history and environmental studies. It is intended for those with a passion for learning and a genuine interest in the out-of-doors and the natural world. Campers attend class daily and are expected to complete a project, typically written, for each class. Applicants should also be prepared to meet expectations for physical activity, positive social interaction in a group setting, and cooperative participation in shared duties and responsibilities typical of a summer camp environment. Those seeking a solely recreational experience will not be happy. Nature Camp does not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, gender identity or expression, or religious affiliation and encourages applicants from persons of any ethnicity, race, or background.

Applications will be accepted at any time on or after 15 January 2020; there is no application deadline. Qualified applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis, and therefore we encourage a timely return of applications. After a session fills, additional applicants will be notified and given the option of being placed on a waiting list. Nature Camp cannot hold spaces without an application for a specific camper.

All campers must be in good mental, emotional, and social health and be able to participate fully in classes, prepare written projects, and participate in rigorous outdoor activities. All accepted campers must pass a physical examination; a medical form to be completed by a physician will be sent to each enrolled applicant and must be returned before the start of camper's session.

**A \$150 deposit with camper's name must accompany each application; the deposit is not refundable if camper is accepted. The balance of camp fees is due by 1 June 2020, after which date all fees are not refundable. Please make checks payable to Nature Camp Inc. A fee of \$25 will be assessed for late payments.**

As a not-for-profit institution, Nature Camp strives to provide a camping and educational experience of the highest quality at the lowest possible cost. We recognize, however, that some families may be unable to afford the full cost of tuition. Nature Camp is able to provide some financial assistance to promising new and outstanding returning campers who have not received a scholarship from another organization. While we cannot guarantee tuition reduction for every applicant, no one should be discouraged from applying simply because of prohibitive cost. Assistance will be awarded, however, only as funds are available. Requests for financial aid will be considered on a rolling basis; there is no deadline to apply for assistance, but requests submitted before April 1 are more likely to be honored. For more information or to apply for financial aid from Nature Camp, please visit [www.naturecamp.net](http://www.naturecamp.net) or e-mail Financial Aid Director Alex Haney at [haneyja314@gmail.com](mailto:haneyja314@gmail.com) to obtain a request form.

**Can you give more to help others?** Nature Camp is able to provide tuition reduction thanks to the exceptional generosity of numerous garden clubs, other organizations, and individuals who graciously donate to Nature Camp's scholarship fund. If you are able, please consider making a donation to this fund to help offset our costs and provide an opportunity for others to attend Nature Camp. Nature Camp, Inc., is a non-profit organization with 501(c)3 status (federal tax ID #20-5980301). Charitable contributions to Nature Camp, Inc., in excess of tuition payments are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Please indicate any such donation accordingly if included with a deposit or payment of the balance of tuition. Thank you.

**Are you potentially available to provide transportation to and from Nature Camp for other campers?** Some families face difficulty driving to Nature Camp at the beginning or end of a session. If you would be willing to be contacted by camper families in your area who may need transportation, please check the box below. Doing so carries no obligation to provide such a service.

*You may contact me as a possible source of ridesharing for others in my area registered for the same session as my camper.*

**Please answer the following questions carefully, thoroughly, and honestly.** The information you provide will assist us in determining if and how Nature Camp can reasonably accommodate your camper's needs. Applicants responding "yes" to any of these questions will receive follow-up communications to seek additional information. If Nature Camp finds at any time that it is not able to reasonably accommodate a camper, we will inform the parent/guardian as soon as practicable. **Any false information or omissions may result in your camper's exclusion from Nature Camp.**

- **Does the camper have any physical, psychological, or behavioral limitations that could interfere with full participation in social, educational, or physical activities?**  Yes  No
- **Does the camper require special accommodations to participate in Nature Camp?**  Yes  No

*To the best of my knowledge, the information provided is correct. I understand that I am asked to advise Nature Camp should there be any changes to my camper's physical, psychological, or behavioral conditions. I understand that Nature Camp may exclude or dismiss a camper if the camper's behavior interferes with the rights of others; violates camp's rules of conduct; harms or poses a safety threat to the camper, other campers, or staff; or is unmanageable by the camper or camp staff. I have read, understood, and fully authorized this application.*

Signed, \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or legal guardian

Date \_\_\_\_\_