



APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT - Summer 2021

Total fee is **\$690**

Natural history and environmental education for youth since 1942

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

Additional information available from Philip Coulling, Executive Director (director@naturecamp.net; 540-460-7897)

PLEASE VISIT NATURE CAMP WEBSITE (WWW.NATURECAMP.NET) FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT NATURE CAMP'S RESPONSE TO AND SPECIFIC PROTOCOLS REGARDING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED OR SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY ON OR AFTER 1 FEBRUARY 2021. EARLIER SUBMISSIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. PLEASE READ AND COMPLETE BOTH PAGES OF FORM.

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

- Session 1** June 17 – June 26 (Thursday-Saturday) *Grades 10 – 11
- Session 2** June 27 – July 6 (Sunday – Tuesday) *Grades 11– 12
- Session 3** July 8 – July 17 (Thursday – Saturday) *Grades 9 – 10
- Session 4** July 18 – July 27 (Sunday – Tuesday) *Grades 8 – 9
- Session 5** July 29 – August 7 (Thursday – Saturday) *Grades 7 – 8
- Session 6** August 8 – August 17 (Sunday – Tuesday) *Grades 5 – 6 – 7

ALL SESSIONS ARE 10 DAYS LONG FOR 2021

*** Grade in which an applicant is currently enrolled (i.e., 2020-2021 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: _____ Pronouns: _____ 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): _____ Language spoken at home: _____

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

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Telephone (day): _____ (evening): _____ Language spoken at home: _____

Applicant's address is that of (check one)

- Both parents
- Mother
- Father
- Other guardian: _____

Should duplicate mailings be sent to Guardian 2?

- Yes
- No

If YES, then please provide address:

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.**

\$ _____

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 1 February 2021 for campers who were enrolled in sessions for 2020 and on or after 8 February 2021 for all other applicants; there is no application deadline. Qualified applicants will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis; therefore, we encourage timely submission of applications. If an applicant cannot be placed in their first choice, they will be enrolled in their second choice. If 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 2021 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 or e-mail Financial Aid Director Alex Haney at 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.

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 _____