

Potomac Valley Audubon Society
Summer 2017 Youth Camp Scholarship INFORMATION

Potomac Valley Audubon Society will award youth scholarships to nature study camps for the summer of 2017. To apply, please complete all six (6) sections of the APPLICATION (see separate document). Post-mark must be no later than **April 5, 2017**. Be sure to read the **conditions of the scholarship** on the second page of this INFORMATION sheet. **CAMPS:** Scholarships are being offered to the following camps (continued on the next page!).

Audubon Discovery Day Camp, at Yankauer Nature Preserve and Cool Spring Preserve ; pre-school to grade 12, plus junior staff opportunities for grade 7 and older; week-long sessions through **June and July, 2017**. Each camp offers five days of activities, 9am-3pm daily, including hikes, nature games, and projects. For more information on weekly themes, go to www.potomacaudubon.org/discovercamp, call 304-676-8739 or e-mail Ellen@PotomacAudubon.org. **Note:** PVAS asks the family to contribute a portion of the fee toward this camp experience.

Oglebay Institute Junior Nature Camp, at Camp Giscowheco, Dallas Pike (near Wheeling), WV; ages 10-15; **July 16-22, or July 23-29, 2017**. Camp setting is in hills and forests of WV, with platform tents! Professional nature interpreters promote environmental understanding, teamwork and personal responsibility. For more information go to <http://oionline.com/camps/juniornaturecamp/>, or call 304-242-6855. **Note:** PVAS asks the family to contribute \$50 toward this camp experience.

The Burgundy Center for Wildlife Studies, Capon Bridge, WV, ages 11-15; three sessions, each is *two weeks*: **June 25-July 8; July 11-25; or August 2-15, 2017**. "... a summer camp that will fill your days with activities that bring you closer to nature through arts, games, song, story, hiking and swimming." For more information, call 703-842-0470 or go to <http://burgundycenter.org>. The second camp session given above is suggested for campers with **previous experience** at overnight camps. The Burgundy Center, which co-sponsors this scholarship, targets middle-to-low-income families for scholarships - but please apply regardless! **Note:** PVAS and Burgundy Center ask the family to contribute \$50 toward this camp experience.

Mountain Stewards Summer Camp, MIDDLE SCHOOL Program, Spruce Knob, WV; entering grades 6-8; **June 11-15, June 18-23, June 25-July 1** (All-girls-week, ages 10-17); **July 2-7; and July 9-15, 2017**; a wonderful introduction to caring for our environment, our peers, and ourselves in the outdoors; similar to the high school program described below, but nights will be split between camping and staying in The Mountain Institute dormitories. For more information go to www.mountain.org/where-we-work/Appalachian/ or call 304-567-2632. **Note:** PVAS asks the family to contribute \$50 toward this camp experience.

Mountain Stewards Summer Camp, HIGH SCHOOL Program, Spruce Knob, WV; grades 9-12 (up to age 17); **June 11-17, June 18-23, June 25-July 1** (All-girls-week, ages 10-17); **July 2-7, and July 9-15, 2017**. Days will be filled with adventure and environmental stewardship among WV's lofty mountains and pristine valleys - one of earth's most biodiverse regions. Campers receive 20 hours of community service credit. For more information go to www.mountain.org/where-we-work/Appalachian/, or call 304-567-2632. **Note:** PVAS asks the family to contribute \$50 toward this camp experience.

West Virginia Junior Conservation Camp; Cedar Lakes, Ripley, WV; ages 11-14; **June 19-23, 2017**; Campers learn about forestry, wildlife, and environmental issues. Afternoons include activities like archery, canoeing, orienteering, and environmental yoga! For information go to <http://www.dep.wv.gov/pio/YEP/Pages/YouthConservationCamp.aspx>, call 304-926-0499, ext. 1114, or email diana.k.haid@wv.gov. **Note:** PVAS asks the family to contribute \$25 toward this camp experience.

West Virginia Senior Conservation Camp, at Camp Caesar, Webster County, WV; Campers must be 14 by January 2016 and 18 or younger at the start of camp; **June 12-17, 2017**. Professionals from state and federal agencies lead outdoor activities focusing on wildlife management, soil conservation, and environmental careers. For information go to www.wvconservationcamp.com, call 304-293-9424, or email ben.spong@mail.wvu.edu. **Note:** PVAS asks the family to contribute \$25 toward this camp experience.

Nature Photography Camp: at Shepherd University, Shepherdstown, WV; grades 9-12 (ages 14-18); **June 19-23, 2017**. Students learn from the experts how to take great outdoor pictures, then to download and edit them. For more information go to <http://www.potomacaudubon.org/photcamp>, or call 304-676-8739. **Note:** PVAS asks the family to contribute a portion of the fee toward this camp experience.

HOW TO APPLY:

- Please complete the separate APPLICATION form and attach the requested items in Sections 3 and 4.
- Write a brief essay about your interests and hobbies, why you would like to attend a summer environmental camp, and what you would like to learn at camp.
- Enclose with your application at least one letter of recommendation from an adult other than a family member, such as a teacher, principal, neighbor, or youth group leader.
- Send your application, with post-mark no later than April 5, 2017, to **PVAS, Attention Camp Scholarships, P.O. Box 578, Shepherdstown, WV 25443.**

CONDITIONS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP:

When you sign your application you agree to the following:

1. **Transportation costs** and arrangements to the camps are the responsibility of the scholarship recipients and their families.
2. If you are granted a scholarship, you may be asked to make a **presentation on your camp experience** at a PVAS monthly meeting. (Place and exact date are yet to be determined.) PVAS members love to hear about the adventures and learning experiences of enthusiastic campers!
3. The recipient and his/her family are responsible for a **portion of the camp fee** for each camp. (See amount after each camp description on previous page.)

If you have any questions about PVAS scholarships, please contact Kathryn Henry 304-876-6681 or at dhenry@myexcel.com. **Applications must be post-marked no later than April 5, 2017.** Return completed application and inclusions to:

PVAS
Attention: Camp Scholarships
PO Box 578

Shepherdstown, WV 25443

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