



VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION

Youth Conservation Camp Application & Guidelines

Application and Deposit

Due back to Tidewater SWCD by April 20, 2018

Purpose: For 40 years, the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts has sponsored a week long summer conservation camp for Virginia high school students (*currently enrolled in grades 9-12*) on the campus of Virginia Tech. The program brings together about 70 interested students for a week of learning about Virginia's natural resources from conservation professionals and faculty from Virginia Tech. Most of the instruction is hands-on and outdoors. The 2018 Youth Conservation Camp will be held Sunday, July 8 through Saturday, July 14 2018.

Scholarship funding to cover the registration fee for two students is available from the Tidewater Soil & Water Conservation District.

More information about the camp can be found at <http://vaswcd.org/conservation-camp>

Qualifications: *Individual applicants must be full-time students enrolled in High School grades 9-12 for the 2017-2018 school year. Previous campers may not attend.*

Amount: The total cost per student for the 2018 Youth Conservation Camp will be \$550. This cost will be covered by the Tidewater Soil and Water Conservation District as a Camp Scholarship. However, a \$100 deposit is required to demonstrate a serious intent to attend.

Deadlines:

April 20, 2018	Date Application and Deposit must be returned to SWCD Offices
Late May, 2018	Camp attendees will be announced

Submitted applications will be reviewed and screened by the Education Committee. All applications and information contained therein shall remain confidential. Nominations from the Committee will be submitted to the VASWCD Education and Training Coordinator for final approval.

All programs and services of the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation District's Educational Foundation, Inc. are offered on a nondiscriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status, or disability. All submitted paperwork is confidential and becomes the property of the VASWCDEF.

Return Application and Deposit To: Tidewater Soil & Water Conservation District

Kristal McKelvey - kevans@tidewaterswcd.org

6969 Fox Hunt Lane, PO Box 677 Gloucester, VA 23061

Phone: 804-693-3562 ext. 5

Any other questions may be directed to:

Bonnie Mahl, VASWCD Education & Training Coordinator at (804) 559-0324



2018 Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts Youth Conservation Camp

Sunday, July 8 - Saturday, July 14, 2018

Camper Application - Please Print Legibly or Type (Complete Front and Back)

Please complete and return application with deposit to your Tidewater Soil & Water Conservation District by April 20, 2018

**Addressed to Kristal McKelvey kevens@tidewaterswcd.org
PO Box 677 Gloucester, VA 23061**

Applicant's First Name _____ Last Name _____

Name as it should appear on camper name tag: _____

Age (as of July 2018) _____ Gender: Male _____ or Female _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone # _____ E-Mail: _____

Name of High School Attending (2017-2018) _____

Grade Completed by June 2018 _____ Field of Interest in Conservation _____

Advisor and/or Teacher Recommendation (teacher, scout leader, etc.) *Recommendation required:

Name _____

Relation to Applicant: _____

Phone # _____ E-Mail: _____

Name of Parent or Guardian (Please Print) _____

Mailing Address _____

(if different from above) _____

Home Phone # _____ Work Phone # _____ E-Mail _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

Local SWCD USE ONLY: Rank: 1 2 3 4 5

Sponsoring SWCD: _____ Phone # _____

SWCD Staff Contact : _____ E-Mail _____

SWCD Scholarship (if other please note sponsor name): Yes _____ No _____ Other _____

Scholarship Amount: \$ _____

Please list your hobbies & favorite sports: _____

Please check your background: Urban _____ Rural _____ Farm/Agriculture _____

Briefly list conservation activities and/or school projects you have participated in involving soil and water conservation, forestry, pollution, or other environmental areas:

What is the most important environmental issue in your community or county:

Write a brief paragraph on why you are interested in conservation and/or why you would like to be selected for this camp:

What subjects/topics do you hope to learn about while attending Youth Conservation Camp?

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____