

## Nature Camp Application Information

The total fee for the 2008 sessions is \$700. A \$100 deposit must accompany the application; this deposit is not refundable once a camper has been accepted. The balance of the fee is due by 1 June 2008. Please make checks payable to Nature Camp Inc. Please note also that unlike in previous years, there is no waiting period. Rather, we accept applications on a rolling basis, and you may submit an application at any time. There also is no application deadline; applications will be accepted on a “first-come, first-serve” basis. Should the number of applications for a session received by 1 January 2008 exceed the number of available spaces, preference will be awarded first to returning campers, then to new campers with a scholarship, and finally to new campers without a scholarship by random draw. It has been several years since every session filled. There have been waiting lists in the past, however; hence all applicants are strongly encouraged to submit an application as soon as possible.

Acceptance notices and medical forms will be mailed in early January to all individuals whose applications have been received by then and within 3-4 weeks for all applications subsequently received. Deposit checks will be held until notification of acceptance is provided. We have capacity for about 40 boys and 48 girls in each session. Applications will continue to be accepted throughout the spring as space allows, but we cannot guarantee availability. Should a particular session fill, we will place additional applicants on a waiting list and notify them of their status. Every year some accepted campers withdraw their applications, and we endeavor to admit as many campers as we can. If you must be put on the waiting list, we will hold your check until we can offer you a place or until you request its return.

Please note that current 12<sup>th</sup> graders are eligible to attend First Session the summer after they have graduated from high school. Also, 9<sup>th</sup> graders may attend First or Second Session and 6<sup>th</sup> graders Third or Fourth Session. For new campers we generally recommend the younger of these two pairs of sessions.

Nature Camp is unique in its academic focus. Since its inception Nature Camp has emphasized hands-on, field-based, experiential education in natural history and environmental studies. All applicants should be advised of the requirements to attend daily classes, to maintain a notebook, to complete all written assignments, and to participate in outdoor activities. Campers are expected to accept the academic challenges with enthusiasm, commitment and hard work. Campers in the past have discovered the joy in learning and have enthusiastically returned for more of what Nature Camp has to offer. Those seeking a purely recreational experience will be unhappy.

Feel free to make copies of the application and share it with anyone who may be interested in attending Nature Camp. Copies are also available in Word and PDF format from the Nature Camp website at [www.naturecamp.net](http://www.naturecamp.net).

Please direct any questions to Nature Camp director Philip Coulling at [director@naturecamp.net](mailto:director@naturecamp.net) or 540-460-7897.