

Historic Rivers Chapter, Virginia Master Naturalist

Nancy Norton Nature Camp Scholarship Application - 2016

The Historic Rivers Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists is considering candidates for <u>TWO</u> Nature Camp scholarships to the 2016 sessions of Nature Camp in Vesuvius, VA. The 2016 camp dates are:

1st Session (grades 9-12): June 19 – July 2, 2016	3rd Session (grades 6-8): July 17- July 30, 2016
2nd Session (grades 8-9): July 3 – July 16, 2016	4 th Session (grades 5-6): July 31 – Aug. 13, 2016

The Nancy Norton Nature Camp scholarships are intended to support students who truly have an interest in learning about the natural world and who can work and learn both independently and in groups. You see, Nature Camp is unique in its academic focus. Since it began in 1942, Nature Camp has emphasized hands-on, field-based, experiential education in natural history and environmental studies. If you are selected, you will be required to attend daily classes, to take notes and to maintain a notebook, to complete all written assignments, and to participate in outdoor activities in all types of weather. You will be expected to accept academic challenges with enthusiasm, commitment, and hard work. Campers in the past have discovered the joy of learning and have often returned the next year for more of what Nature Camp has to offer. You will also be expected to come to a Virginia Master Naturalist meeting in May to briefly meet our members and to return again in September to speak to us about your experience.

(Scholarship applicants should visit the Nature Camp's web site to download a camp application and review requirements and the camp's application process: $\frac{\text{http://naturecamp.net/applications-and-forms/camperapplication/}.$ This scholarship application is also available online at: $\frac{\text{http://www.historicrivers.org}}{\text{http://www.historicrivers.org}}.$

PLEASE PRINT NEATLY:

Name of scholarship applicant:					
Home address:					
Street or PO Box	City	State	Zip		
Name of parent or guardian:					
Parent's Telephone:	Parent's Email:				
Female Male School you prese	ently attend:				
Date of Birth:You	r present gra	ade in school:			
Have you attended Nature Camp before?	Y	'esNo			
If yes, did you receive a scholarshipIf you had a scholarship, where was					
How did you learn about the Nancy Norton	ı scholarship	?			

Applications for the scholarships should be postmarked **no later than November 30**th. Mail to: **Historic Rivers Chapter, Virginia Master Naturalists, PO Box 5026, Williamsburg, VA 23188** *NOTE: The Historic Rivers Chapter selection committee will notify winners by December 21*st.



Student's Essay for the

Nancy Norton Nature Camp Scholarship:

Please write a short essay (250-300 words) sharing—

- why you want to attend Nature Camp and how the experience will benefit you
- how you feel a scholarship would enable you to attend
- some of your interests in nature and/or the environment
- some examples of your activities at home, school, or community that reflect your interest in nature

Your essay must be neatly handwritten below (or you may use the back of this page).



Here's the procedure for obtaining your Science Teacher's Recommendation and your Character Reference.....

- 1. Identify a current or recent **science** teacher who agrees to provide a recommendation for you as well as a neighbor, second teacher, or friend of the family who is willing to provide a character reference.
- 2. Give the teacher a copy of the Science Teacher's Recommendation Form (attached) and the other person the Character Reference Form (attached).
- **3.** Also, be sure to provide **<u>stamped</u>** envelopes for both recommendations, addressed to:

Historic Rivers Chapter, Virginia Master Naturalists PO Box 5026 Williamsburg, VA 23188

- 4. Advise both adults that the recommendations should be **postmarked no later than November 30**th.
- 5. Both recommendations should be mailed directly to the Historic Rivers Chapter of the Virginia Master Naturalists.



Your Science Teacher's Recommendation for The Nancy Norton Nature Camp Scholarship

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3.	Can this studer	nt work well in	a group as an effe	ective group memb	er?		
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4.	Can this student work well in a group as an effective group leader?						
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				 Teach	ner's signature	e and date	

Please mail this recommendation directly to the Historic Rivers Chapter, Virginia Master Naturalists, P.O. Box 5026, Williamsburg, VA 23188 in the stamped envelope provided by the student. This recommendation should be **postmarked by November 30th.** Thank you.



Character Reference for The Nancy Norton Nature Camp Scholarship

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eferring Adult's Name
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his student has applied for a scholarship to the Nature Camp. This camp is unique in its academic focus. Ince it began in 1942, Nature Camp has emphasized hands-on, field-based, experiential education in natural story and environmental studies. All campers will be required to attend daily classes, to maintain a ptebook/journal, to complete all written assignments, and to participate in outdoor activities in all types of eather. They are also expected to accept academic challenges with enthusiasm, commitment, and hard ork. Campers in the past have discovered the joy of learning and have often returned for more of what ature Camp has to offer. For more information and to better understand the goals of the camp, you can visit we web site at http://www.naturecamp.net/index.html .
our answers on this questionnaire will help the scholarship selection committee determine if this student ould benefit from the Nature Camp experience. Please help us out by sharing with us some information bout this student. Please answer the following questions:
 Tell us some of the activities this student has been involved with that reflect his/her interest in nature and science.
• Tell us how you think this student might benefit from the two weeks in Nature Camp.
 Please provide any additional comments below or on the back of this page in support of this student's Nature Camp scholarship application. Thank you!
Signature and date

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