

2020 Youth Conservation Camp

Headwaters Soil & Water Conservation District Guidelines

PURPOSE:

- To provide high school students interested in natural resources and conservation a fun and exciting week-long educational opportunity to attend a camp held at Virginia Tech.
- To give financial support to students showing a strong desire to attend camp.

CRITERIA:

- The Headwaters Soil & Water Conservation District will sponsor up to two students to attend 2020 Youth Conservation Camp.
- Individual applicants must be students enrolled in grades 9-12 during the 2019-2020 academic school year. Twelfth graders who graduate in May, June, July or August 2020 are eligible to attend. Previous campers may not attend.
- Applicants must reside within the boundaries of the Headwaters Conservation District (Augusta County, City of Staunton, and the City of Waynesboro).
- **Applicants must demonstrate active interest in conservation.**
- The Headwaters Soil & Water Conservation District's Education Committee will screen all applications submitted for eligibility in accordance with the criteria stated herein and determine those who will attend the camp this year.
- Applications not fulfilling minimum criteria will not be considered.
- **Letters of support and recommendation from teachers, 4-H and Scout Leaders, as well as Natural Resource Professionals etc. are required.**

COST/DEPOSIT:

- The cost per student for the 2019 Youth Conservation Camp will be \$550.00. \$500.00 will be covered by the Headwaters SWCD. Headwaters SWCD will require that each camper pay a **nonrefundable** \$50 deposit towards the registration fee to demonstrate a serious intent. **Deposit is not required at the time of application.** The District will notify selected campers and request deposit. *In the case of financial hardships the deposit can be negotiated.*

TRANSPORTATION:

- Transportation to and from camp is the sole responsibility of the camper unless arrangements are made between the district and the camper. Campers are not encouraged to drive themselves or other campers due to safety, liability, and limited parking. However, if this is the only transportation available, a waiver form will be required.

DEADLINES:

April 24, 2020 Completed Applications due to the Headwaters Soil & Water Conservation District by 4:00pm. The district office is located at 70 Dick Huff Lane Verona, VA 24482.

April 27-May 4 Headwaters SWCD will review and screen applicants received by the deadline and prioritize applications.

May 6 Headwaters SWCD forwards selected applicants to the Virginia Association of Conservation Districts (VASWCD).

Mid-May Selected Youth Conservation Campers will be announced. Headwaters SWCD will notify selected campers via letter and request deposit. VASWCD will mail each Conservation Camper an Information Packet and forms to be completed and returned.