



NJ Coldwater Conservation School
2014
Application

Please fill out the application below and mail it to the address at the bottom of the page.

Dates: June 26 - June 29, 2014

Age: 11 - 14 years

Includes room, board, and all activities for the four-day school. Applicants will be selected by a panel **based on the one page typed** essay about what attending the Coldwater Conservation School means to them. Accepted students will be notified in mid-April. Registration and payment information will be sent out then. In late May, information about what to bring, health papers and release forms will be sent. No money is due until after your student receives an acceptance call.

Deadline for applying: April 1, 2014 (please print)

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth _____ Age at time of School _____ Male _____ Female _____

(Must be within the ages of 11 - 14 at the time of School)

My class participates in Trout in the Classroom (check one) yes no

Someone I know belongs to Trout Unlimited (check one) yes no

Have you attended the School before (check one) yes no

Have you done any fly tying before (check one) yes no

If you answered yes to the question above, please rate how good you are on a scale of 1-5, 1 being bad and 2 being I am an expert: (Bad) 1 2 3 4 5 (Expert)

On a scale of 1-5, how interested are you in attending this program (1 being not at all and 5 being super excited): (Not at All) 1 2 3 4 5 (Super excited)

On a separate piece of paper, please type a one-page (or more) single spaced essay about why attending the Coldwater Conservation School is important to you. Make sure to include how you found out about the program, why you wanted to apply and what you hope to gain by this experience. Please remember that this program is about conservation and not about fishing. We only fish at free time.



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For Parents of Applicants Only:

If your child(ren) are not interested in outdoor activities such as fishing, hiking and camping, then this is **NOT** the program for them. Our students are on the move (and outside in the heat, bugs and/or rain) from 8 am to about 8 pm. We do have some free time built in throughout the day so they aren't constantly in a class setting.

We also require our students to help with certain things such as busing tables at meal times and maintaining the cleanliness of the dorms and classroom areas. Nothing strenuous, just lending a hand.

We all know that different personalities may clash, especially when we are together over an extended period of time. If your child(ren) are outgoing and easily get along with others, then this is a great place for them. Boys and girls room in the same cabin, but are separated by a common area. Staff stays in staff rooms on each side of the dorm. Each big room holds 30+ kids in bunk beds, so it can get hectic (and hot) in the evening. And of course, being away from home, sometimes for the first time, is an exciting time for our students. We do have a lights out at 10 pm, but there is always excited chatter even after lights out. We do our best to keep it to a minimum and encourage you to discuss the lights out policy with your child ahead of time.

We want everyone to have a great experience during a program and if a student has a problem, we encourage them to seek out one of our many staff members to discuss it and work through it if necessary.

We have a three strikes and you're out policy. This could be for inappropriate language, misbehavior, not following directions, disruptive behavior, etc. We have never had to send anyone home and we would like to keep it that way.

So, if you feel that your child will enjoy and gain from the NJ Coldwater Conservation School, we would love to see them there. Please make sure they have included their one-page, single-spaced essay on why attending this program is important to them. Applications and essays will be reviewed by a board of staff members.

Yes, my child is interested in conservation and the sport of fishing and has reached a level of maturity to enjoy spending 4 days and 3 nights away from home at the School.

Parent's Signature (above)



Mail the completed application to:
NJ Coldwater Conservation School
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Oxford, NJ 07863

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