



Spencerport Central School District Nature Center Committee Announces

NYS DEC Summer Camp Scholar-

The **Spencerport Nature Center Committee** is offering a full one week summer camp scholarship opportunity for a student aged 11 (*as of December 1*) *through* 17. The camps are run by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). DEC camps combine environmental and sportsman education along with outdoor fun. DEC camps include hands-on methods to learn outdoor skills such as back-packing, camping and canoeing. Campers will explore diverse habitats, study stream life, solve challenges, and learn environmental concepts. Participants come away with an awareness of the importance of nature and of stewardship of our natural resources.

Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Students currently enrolled in the Spencerport Central Schools district. *Students age 11 (by Dec. 1st) through age 17 are eligible.*
- Meets age requirement guidelines as established by the DEC Environmental Camp Program.
- Applicants should have an interest in the outdoors and in learning more about our environment.

How do Interested Students Apply?

- Application packets can be found at your child's school counselor's office, in the *Virtual Backpack* website or contacting Community Programs office at 349-5680.
- Applications are accepted starting **Monday, Jan. 8th** and must be submitted to school counselors' office no later than **4:00 pm, Friday, Jan. 2024.**

For more information regarding the DEC Camps, camper requirements, camp dates/locations and their programs, please visit <http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html> For more information about the DEC Camp Scholarship Program, contact Christina Bowerman at 349-XXX or by email at cbowerman@spencerportschools.org

Our Mission:

The Spencerport Nature Center Committee is dedicated to providing guidance for a high quality outdoor educational classroom to benefit the Spencerport Central School District and the Spencerport Community. We are committed to developing the procedures, guidelines, resources, and regulations needed to preserve the Nature Center as a safe and accessible instructional option. Our goal is to maintain and sustain the Nature Center in its natural setting.