



## Spencerport Nature Center Committee

### DEC Environmental Camp Scholarship Application 2023-2024

The mission of the Spencerport Central School District is to “*educate and inspire each student to love learning, pursue excellence and use knowledge, skills and attitudes to contribute respectfully and confidently to an ever-changing global community*”. As part of that mission, the Spencerport Nature Center (SNC) is an accessible instructional outdoor classroom that promotes environmental learning and stewardship. In its role as an oversight group for the SNC, The Nature Center committee would like to provide an environmental education opportunity for students of Spencerport through sponsorship for an environment camp experience.

The Spencerport Nature Center Committee is offering a full summer camp scholarship opportunity for one week for students aged 11 *through* 17. Per the NYSDEC summer camp rules, “Campers must be the minimum age by December 1 in the calendar year to attend camp.” The camps are run by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC). NYS 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. **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 349-5680 or by email at [cbowerman@spencerportschools.org](mailto:cbowerman@spencerportschools.org)

### Who is Eligible to Apply?

- Students currently enrolled in the Spencerport Central Schools district. *Students completing 5th grade (age 11 by December 1) 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?

- Starting Monday, January 8<sup>th</sup>: Application packets can be found at your child’s school counselor’s office. Applications can also be found in the **Virtual Backpack** or by emailing [cbowerman@spencerportschools.org](mailto:cbowerman@spencerportschools.org).
- Applications must be submitted to school counselors’ office by **4 p.m., Friday, January 26, 2024.**

Applications will be reviewed by the Spencerport Nature Center Committee. Applicants may be interviewed as part of the process. Scholarship will be awarded in February. Students must complete the DEC Camp application process which starts early January. The Scholarship student, upon completion of attendance of camp, will be asked to submit to the Nature Center Committee a reflection of his/her camp experience that used skills of collaboration, communication, creativity and critical thinking.

*If selected student is unable to attend, an alternate will be chosen. Scholarship awards are only applicable for the year awarded. Only one scholarship awarded per student.*



# SPENCERPORT CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Application in its entirety is due to school counselors by 4 p.m., Friday, Jan. 26, 2024

#### BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Best time for Interview: \_\_\_\_\_

#### FAMILY

Mother/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Father/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address of parent/guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

#### EDUCATION

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

#### INTERESTS AND ACTIVITIES

Please list your current interests and extracurricular activities:

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#### TEACHER RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation for: \_\_\_\_\_

#### To The Student:

Please print your name above and give this form to a teacher who is familiar with your work.

#### To The Teacher:

The Spencerport Nature Center Committee seeks to provide a student of the SCSD an opportunity to participate in a DEC Environmental Camp experience through a Camp Scholarship. 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. **Student must submit their completed application by 4 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 26, 2024.** Scholarship awardees will be announced in February.

Your remarks and recommendations concerning the student will be of great assistance in our evaluation of his/her scholarship application.

#### Directions:

Please check the appropriate box for each item below. Return the completed form in a sealed envelope to student applicant.

	No basis to Judge	Below average	Average	Above average	Excellent
Ability in School Courses					
Intellectual Curiosity					
Motivation					
Emotional Stability					
Sociability with Peers					
Maturity					
Problem Solving					
Interest in the Environment and Environmental issues					
Overall Impression					

- I recommend this student without reservation [comments optional]
- I recommend this student with reservation [please add comments on next page]
- I do not recommend this student [please add comments on next page]

*Go to next page to add comments.*

#### COMMENTS

Your name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_  
In what course(s) have you taught this student? \_\_\_\_\_  
School: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_