



Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts
2026 Youth Conservation Camp
Sunday, July 12 - Saturday, July 18, 2026

Camper Application - Please Print Legibly or Type (Complete Front and Back)

This application serves as an initial interest form for Youth Conservation Camp. Please complete and return application to your local Soil & Water Conservation District (Colonial). Deadline to submit to Colonial SWCD is April 13, 2026. Submit application to Amanda.Whispell@ColonialSWCD.org.

The cost for camp is \$550/camper. Please reach out to your local SWCD for scholarship availability. Payment details to follow in May when campers are notified about acceptance to 2026 YCC.

Applications will be forwarded to the Virginia Association of Soil & Water Conservation Districts (VASWCD) for final selection. This application is intended to help us learn more about applicants and their interests; it is not the final registration for camp and submission does not guarantee acceptance.

Applicant's First Name _____ **Last Name** _____

Age (as of July 13, 2025) _____ **Gender:** _____

Mailing Address: _____ **City:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone # _____ **E-Mail:** _____

(to receive information on application status and future paperwork, if accepted)

Name of High School Attending (2025-2026) _____

Grade Completed by June 2026 _____

Please note that to be able to attend YCC a student must be in 9th-12th grade in the 2025-2026 school year

Name of Parent or Guardian (Please Print) _____

Mailing Address _____

(if different from above) _____

Home Phone # _____ **Work/Cell Phone #** _____ **E-Mail** _____

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian _____

***Advisor and/or Teacher Recommendation** (teacher, scout leader, etc.) needs to be a non-family member. ***Please** attach a written recommendation with this application

Recommender's Name _____

Relation to Applicant: _____

Phone # _____ **E-Mail:** _____

For Local SWCD USE ONLY: Rank: 1 2 3 4 5

Sponsoring SWCD: _____ **Phone #** _____

SWCD Staff Contact : _____ **E-Mail** _____

SWCD Scholarship (if other please note sponsor name): Yes _____ No _____ Partial _____ **Scholarship**

Amount: \$ _____

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YCC Camper Interest Questionnaire

Briefly list any conservation activities and/or school projects you have participated in involving soil and water conservation, forestry, pollution, or other environmental areas:

Write or attach a brief paragraph on why you are interested in conservation and/or why you would like to be selected for this camp:

This camp brings together students from across Virginia with a wide range of backgrounds and experiences. What personal strengths or skills would you bring to a group setting at camp?

What activities/subjects/topics do you hope to experience while attending Youth Conservation Camp?
Examples include (but not limited to) agriculture, soil health, forestry, water quality, wildlife, kayaking, hiking, Virginia Tech programs, career exploration, technology like GIS or drones, etc.

How comfortable are you spending time outdoors? YCC occurs during July, and it can get hot!

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____