



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](mailto: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 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**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:

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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:

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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?

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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.*

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

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**Applicant's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_