

APPLICATION FORM CONTINUED
REGISTRATION OPTIONS

(PLEASE CHECK ONE)

___ 1. Enclosed please find a check payable to the Monroe County Conservation Camp in the amount of **\$200** to cover both the application and camp fee.

___ 2. Enclosed please find a check payable to the Monroe County Conservation Camp in the amount of **\$75** to cover the cost of the application fee. **We are requesting a scholarship to cover the camp fee.**

___ 3. Enclosed please find a check payable to the Monroe County Conservation Camp in the amount of **\$75** to cover the cost of the application fee. **We have asked the following organization to sponsor our son/daughter by paying the \$125 camp fee:** _____

NOTE: *If additional financial assistance is required, please contact us at 570-629-3061.*

Refund Policy:

Refunds **will** be given to those students not accepted by the Camp Committee. Refunds **will not** be given to those students who have been accepted but fail to attend, unless the Camp Committee is notified **nine days** prior to the first day of camp or if a **doctor's excuse** is submitted. **Note:** Students who break rules or are uncontrollable or undesirable during camp time will be dismissed **without refund of fees.**

The Monroe County Conservation Camp is committed to maintaining an environment that is free of discrimination and harassment based on a person's sex, race, age, color, creed, religion, disability, ancestry or national origin, or any other classification protected by state or federal laws.

Signing this application releases the Monroe County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, the Monroe County Conservation District, the Monroe County Conservation Camp, Monroe County and the Kettle Creek Environmental Fund and/or participating organizations, from all claims for accidents or injuries incurred by the applicant in the normal course of instruction. Signed parents/guardians also agree that, in the event of camper injury or illness, if the parent/guardian cannot be contacted, that parent/guardian gives permission to the Conservation Camp to obtain competent medical assistance.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

My typed name has the same force & effect as my written signature.

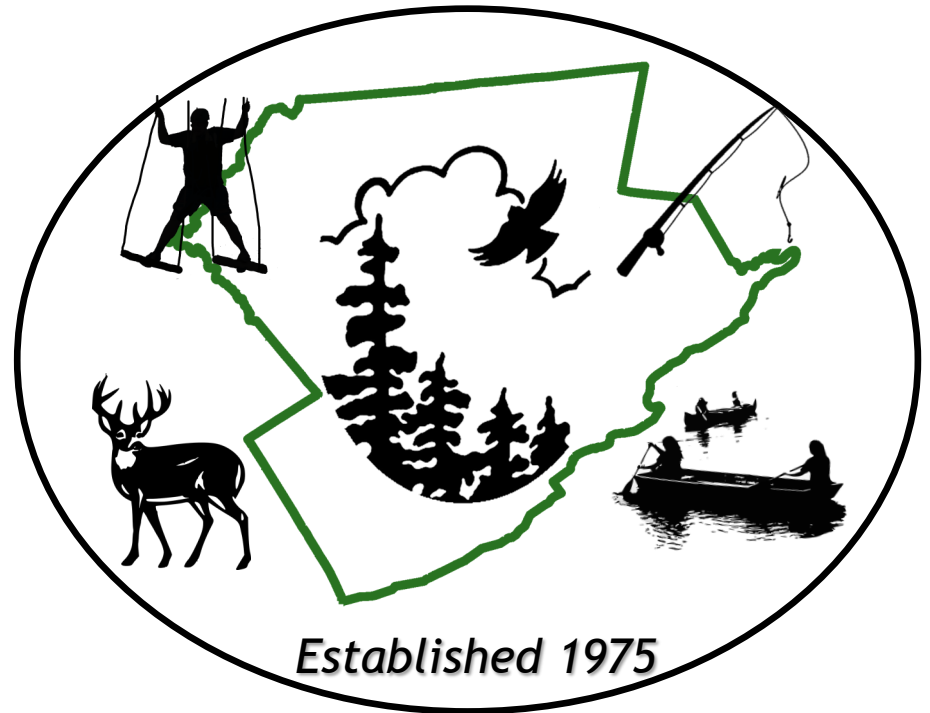
DATE: _____

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION AND CHECK TO:

Monroe County Conservation District
8050 Running Valley Road
Stroudsburg, PA 18360



MONROE COUNTY CONSERVATION CAMP APPLICATION



Conservation through Education



July 19 - July 26, 2025

Ages 14 through this year's High School Graduate

Sponsored By

**Monroe County Conservation District and
Monroe County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs
and**

Generously Supported By

**The Kettle Creek Environmental Fund and
Numerous Service Organizations**

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PURPOSE

In an attempt to instill in our youth a positive conservation ethic and an increased awareness of our environment, the Monroe County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs and the Monroe County Conservation District sponsor the Monroe County Conservation Camp along with generous support by the Kettle Creek Environmental Fund and numerous service organizations.

Each summer, this week-long, activity-filled residential camp gives 30 students, ages 14 to this year's high school graduate, the opportunity to work with experts from throughout the county and fellow campers to gain insight into our natural resources and their proper management. The camp is held in late July and utilizes the student-owned East Stroudsburg University Stony Acres Recreational Facility in Marshalls Creek as a base camp. Conservation Camp is a non-profit venture designed to expose students to the fundamentals of conservation in meaningful, exciting and thought-provoking ways.

Over 1,000 students from Monroe County have attended our Conservation Camp. Many now are pursuing careers in various conservation fields and return to actively participate in camp programs each year.



CAMPER QUOTES

"Coming to camp, I wasn't sure what I was getting into. I was excited, but didn't know how wonderful of an experience this would be."

"The eagles are awesome. I've only seen a few in the wild before. These were some big birds."

"The canoe trip was a blast. The wildlife was great, seeing things I've never seen before and I had a wonderful experience."

"The river trip was awesome, the reptiles are cool, the ropes course is challenging...all of the programs are terrific."

"This week I experienced something I never experienced before. I learned so much that I didn't know. The activities were awesome and some were adventurous."

APPLICATION FORM MONROE COUNTY CONSERVATION CAMP

Student's Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____ Gender _____

Address _____ City _____

State & Zip _____ Home Phone# _____

Student's School District _____ County _____

Emergency Phone# Day _____ Evening _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Family Doctor _____ Phone # _____

Address _____

T-Shirt Size _____ E-mail _____

Please list the **Insurance Company** and **Policy Number** that the student is currently covered by:

(Camp will provide Insurance for the week of activities.)

Is the student currently taking any medications? Yes _____ No _____

Please List _____

***Note: All medications including non-prescription must be left with the camp staff upon arrival for the week.**

The student is allergic to or suffers from: _____

Please list any restrictions or special medical conditions of which the camp staff should be aware: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

****PLEASE COMPLETE THE SECOND SIDE****

REGISTRATION FEES

Many individuals and organizations come together each year to make Conservation Camp a reality. The many generous donations of supplies, money and time allow us to keep the cost for the week to a minimum.

The present cost for the week is \$200 per camper, which is made up of a \$75 application fee and a \$125 camp fee. The application fee must be paid by the student and must accompany the completed application form. The \$125 camp fee may be paid either by the student or a sponsoring organization, or through a scholarship. A number of scholarships are available every year upon request.

REQUIREMENTS

The Students must:

1. Be between ages 14 and this year's high school graduate
2. Have completed all sections of the application and secured a parent or guardian's signature.
3. Submit a letter with the application form stating why they want to attend camp. Attendance at camp is limited to 30 students.
4. Send all application materials to the Monroe County Conservation District. Applications will be accepted up to 11 months in advance.
5. Only applications from FIRST TIME campers will be accepted.
6. Provide any and all necessary equipment.
7. Campers are Required to attend the whole week of camp - Saturday to Saturday.

LIST OF NECESSARY ESSENTIALS & EQUIPMENT TO BRING:

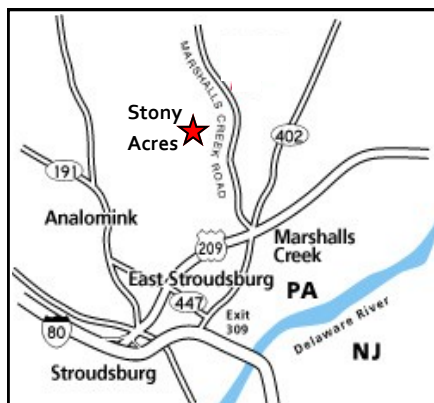
Lightweight Sleeping Bag, Pillow, Soap, Washcloth, Towel, Toothpaste and Brush, Comb and Brush, Clothing for a Rough Week, Swimsuit, Rain Gear, Notebook, Pens/Pencils, Flashlight or Headlamp and Extra Batteries, Sunscreen and Water Bottle(s), Long Pants, Shoes to Get Wet, Dry Shoes, Sneakers or Hiking Boots

OPTIONAL: Small 2-Man Tent, Camera, Sunglasses, Jacket, Hat, Fishing Gear, Binoculars
*****THIS IS AN ELECTRONICS-FREE CAMP EXPERIENCE. STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BRING ANY ELECTRONICS INCLUDING: CELL PHONES, SMART WATCHES, TABLETS, LAPTOPS, HAND-HELD VIDEO GAMES, ETC. (DIGITAL CAMERAS ARE ALLOWED)**

DO NOT BRING: GUNS, KNIVES, TOBACCO, E-CIGARETTES, OR FOOD OF ANY KIND

LOCATION: The Monroe County Conservation Camp is held at the ESU student-owned Stony Acres Wildlife Sanctuary & Recreational Facility in Marshalls Creek.

Directions to the East Stroudsburg University-owned complex: From I-80 take the Marshalls Creek Exit (exit #309) onto Route 209 North toward Marshalls Creek. Upon approaching the roundabout, follow signs for Business Route 209 and Marshalls Creek. At the next traffic light after the roundabout, turn right and immediately get in the left turning lane. At this light turn left, and after crossing the bridge take left fork onto Creek Road approx. 5 miles. Look for *Stony Acres* sign on left before a sharp right curve in the road.

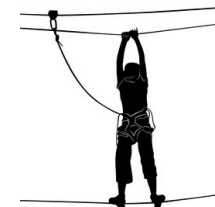


PROGRAMS

The camp program is a unique blend of guest speakers and hands-on experiences covering every aspect of our natural resources.

HANDS-ON INSTRUCTION INCLUDES:

- Stony Acres Ropes Course
- Trap Shooting
- 2-Day Canoe Trip
- Archery
- Land Development Project Design
- Campfires
- Muzzleloading
- Fishing Instruction
- Stream & Pond Studies
- Forest Management
- Bird Banding



GUEST SPEAKERS DISCUSS:

- Land Use Planning
- Forestry
- Soil & Water Conservation
- Leave No Trace Camping
- Trapping
- Beekeeping
- Wildlife Rehabilitation
- Wetlands
- Wildlife Management
- Fisheries Management
- Farm Management



PROGRAM PRESENTERS INCLUDE:

PA Fish & Boat Commission, PA Game Commission, PA DCNR Bureau of Forestry, Monroe County Conservation District, Kettle Creek Environmental Education Center, Monroe County Federation of Sportsmen's Clubs, Monroe County Waste Authority, Trappers Association, Stony Acres Ropes Course Staff, National Park Service, Pocono Avian Research Center, Pocono Wildlife Rehabilitation and Education Center, Blue Ridge Cherry Valley Gun Club, East Stroudsburg University, Gould's Farm, Tobyhanna Conservation Association, Brodhead Trout Unlimited, Wacky Worm Primetime Bassmasters, and more.

2025 CONSERVATION CAMP SCHEDULE

MORNING	AFTERNOON	EVENING
Saturday	- 1:30 - Introduction & Orientation - Staff	- 6:00 - Outdooring - Staff
July 19 - 12:00-1:00 REGISTRATION	- 2:30 - Active Socialization Experiences / Teambuilding Challenges - Stony Acres Staff	- 7:30 - Camp Staff Activity - 9:00 - Campfire - Staff Cabin Rap - Lights Out
Sunday - 8:00 - Breakfast	- 12:00 - Lunch	- 5:00 - Dinner
July 20 - 9:00 - Backpacking & Leave No Trace Camping - MCCD - Canoe Skills - MCCD	- 1:00 - Trapping - Howard Dietsch - 2:00 - Beekeeping - Bob Widmer - 3:30 - Camp Photo & Mug Shots - MCCD - 4:00 - Climate Change	- 6:00 - Archery - 8:00 - Bluebird Houses - Tobyhanna Conservation Assoc. - 9:00 - "MORE" / Campfire at Cabins Cabin Rap - Lights out
Monday - 7:00 - Breakfast	- 12:00 - Lunch	- 6:00 - Dinner
July 21 - 7:45-8:15 - Transport to Meesing Nature Center - 8:15-9:45 - Forestry at Meesing - DCNR - 9:45-10:15 - Travel to Stony Acres - 10:15-12:00 - Soil & Land Use Intro. - MCCD	- 12:45-1:45 - Soil & Land Use Plans - MCCD - 2:00 - Confidence/Ropes Course - Stony Acres Staff	- 7:00-8:30 - Role Play Prep - MCCD - 8:30 - Pack for Canoe Trip & Camper Briefing - 9:30 - Cabin Rap - Lights Out
Tuesday - 4:30 - Breakfast		
July 22 - 5:20 - Leave Camp for Canoe Launch - 6:30 - River Interpretation	- 1:00 - River Interpretation - MCCD	- River Interpretation
Wednesday		- 5:00 - Pull Off River
July 23 - 7:30 - Breakfast - 9:00 - River Interpretation - 11:30 - Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area	- 3:00 - River Interpretation - MCCD - Snorkeling - MCCD	- 7:00 - Dinner - 8:00 - Pocono Wildlife - Kathy Uhler - 9:00 - River Reflections Cabin Rap - Lights Out
Thursday - 7:30 - Breakfast	- 12:00 - Lunch	- 5:30 - Dinner
July 24 - 8:30-10:00 - Stream Ecology - Ben Turpin - 10:30-12:00 - Wildlife Management - PA Game Commission	- 1:00 - Bass Fishing - Wacky Worm Primetime Bassmasters - Fly Fishing - Brodhead Trout Unlimited - 3:00 - Monroe County Waste Authority - 4:00 - Muzzleloading - Tobyhanna Conservation Assoc.	- 6:30 - Role Play - MCCD Staff - 9:00 - Stargazing/Astronomy - Dr. Buckley, ESU - 10:00 - Cabin Rap - Lights Out
Friday - 7:00 - Breakfast	- 12:00 - Lunch at MCCD	- 5:15 - Dinner
July 25 - 7:45 - Depart Stony Acres - 8:30 - Spruce Lake Spray Irrigation - Steve Ykema - 10:30-12:00 - Trapshooting & Firearm Safety - Blue Ridge Cherry Valley Gun Club	- 1:30-3:30 - Farm Tour - Gould's Farm & Produce - 3:30-4:15 - Return to Stony Acres - 4:30 - Camper Correspondence	- 6:00-7:30 - Organized Games - 7:30 - Bird Banding - Pocono Avian Research Center - 9:15 - Campfire Cabin Rap - Lights Out
Saturday - 7:00 - Breakfast	- 11:30 - Parent Arrival	
July 26 - 8:00 - Stewardship & You - Darryl Speicher - 8:45 - Sun Ceremony - Derek Lederer - 10:00 - Camp Reflections - 11:00 - Clean-Up	- 12:00 - Family Day Lunch - 1:00 - Student Recognition - 2:30 - Dismissal	

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE MONROE COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT AT 570-629-3061