



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 the Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District**  
**Application Deadline: April 20, 2026**

*The cost for camp is \$550/camper. Financial aid may be available to applicants but is not guaranteed.  
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.*

**Camper Information**

**Applicant's First Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Name:** (as it should appear on camper name tag) \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** (as of July 12, 2026) \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Preferred Pronouns:** \_\_\_\_\_

**T-Shirt Size:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ (to receive paperwork to)

**High School Attending (2025-2026):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade Completed by June 2026:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Field of Interest in Conservation:** \_\_\_\_\_

*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 #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Advisor and/or Teacher Recommendation**

**\*Please attach a written recommendation with this application.** Must be a non-family member (teacher, scout leader, etc.).

**Recommender's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relation to Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **Financial Aid (This Section is Optional)**

Financial Aid is available from the Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District to support students who may need additional assistance to be able to attend Youth Conservation Camp. NVSWCD receives applications for YCC for students living in Fairfax County, Arlington County, and the cities of Fairfax, Alexandria, and Falls Church. **However, financial aid cannot be guaranteed to applicants outside of Fairfax County.** Please note that expressing interest in financial aid does NOT affect your likelihood of being accepted into YCC or guarantee that you will receive financial aid. Please check the box that most accurately reflects the amount of financial support you would need to realistically attend YCC.

- ☐ I would need ALL of my camper fee (\$550) to be covered by NVSWCD to be able to attend YCC.
- ☐ I would need 50% of my camper fee (\$275) to be covered by NVSWCD to be able to attend YCC.
- ☐ I would not need ANY amount of my camper fee to be covered by NVSWCD to be able to attend YCC.

Optional: Please include any additional information you would like NVSWCD to take into consideration when determining your eligibility to receive financial aid. You may attach more detail on a separate page if necessary.

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If you have specific questions regarding financial aid, please contact NVSWCD at [ConservationDistrict@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ConservationDistrict@fairfaxcounty.gov).

### **YCC Camper Interest Questions**

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:** \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Sponsoring SWCD:** Northern Virginia SWCD **Phone #:** 703-324-1287

**SWCD Staff Contacts:** Grace Murdoch (Grace.Murdoch@Fairfaxcounty.gov)

Scholarship? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Partial \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Scholarship Source: \_\_\_\_\_

**Due to NVSWCD by April 20, 2026**

**Questions? Contact Northern Virginia Soil & Water Conservation District at:**  
[ConservationDistrict@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:ConservationDistrict@fairfaxcounty.gov) or (703) 324-1460