



## Hanover-Caroline Soil & Water Conservation District

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Dear Teachers & Students:

Each year the Hanover-Caroline Soil and Water Conservation District has the opportunity to send two high school students from Hanover and Caroline Counties to Youth Conservation Camp. The event highlights a year of youth conservation programs hosted by the Virginia Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts.

The camp is designed to expand the student's knowledge of various natural resources conservation areas. Emphasis is placed on outdoors, hands-on learning with a minimum of indoor classroom work. The campers will have the opportunity to share experiences with others from across the state and demonstrate leadership skills in an informal setting.

The camp will be held on the campus of **Virginia Tech, Blacksburg, VA on July 18 - July 24, 2009**. Applicants must be enrolled in grades 9 through 12 of the 2009-2010 academic school year. Twelfth graders who graduate in May, June, July or August 2010 are eligible to attend. Previous campers may not attend. A **full scholarship** is available to cover the cost of the camp, lodging, and meals. Participants will be responsible for a \$50.00 registration fee, which will be refunded after returning from camp. This fee is to help insure that those selected will attend camp. Transportation to and from the camp and any other incidental purchases are also the responsibility of the campers.

Students who have attended the camp in previous years have found it beneficial, particularly when making career choices in fields related to natural resources, conservation, and environmental science. Enclosed you will find the camp highlights and an application. Teachers, please post the highlights on bulletin boards and distribute to the Science Department, Ag Science Department, Science Clubs, Envirothon teams, etc.

Interested students should complete and return the application form to our District office by **April 1, 2010**. If you have any questions about the camp, please call me at 537-5225 ext. 115, or visit the web site at <http://www.vaswcd.org/youthcamp.htm>

Sincerely,

Rebecca T. Jones  
Education Specialist  
Hanover-Caroline SWCD



**2010 Virginia Association of Soil and  
Water Conservation Districts  
Youth Conservation Camp  
Sunday, July 18 - Saturday, July 24, 2010**

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

Applicant's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname (will appear on camper nametag) \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: Male \_\_\_\_\_ or Female \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

County \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of High School Attending (2009-2010) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Field of Interest in Conservation \_\_\_\_\_

Advisor and/or Teacher Recommendation (teacher, scout leader, etc.):

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Parent or Guardian (Please Print) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

(if different from above) \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

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

Sponsoring SWCD \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

SWCD Staff Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Please complete & return application to Hanover-Caroline SWCD by deadline: **April 1, 2010**  
**Hanover-Caroline SWCD, Attn: Rebecca Jones, P.O. Box 446, Hanover, VA 23069**

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Date of receipt (VASWCD) \_\_\_\_\_

Please list your hobbies & favorite sports: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check your background: Urban \_\_\_\_\_ Rural \_\_\_\_\_ Farm/Agriculture \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly list 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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What is the most important environmental issue in your community or county and briefly explain why:

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Write 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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What subjects/topics do you hope to learn about while attending Youth Conservation Camp?

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