



Request for Applications

Full sponsorship available to attend Camp Colby for one week.

The Audubon Society of the Capital Region cordially invites boys and girls 11-13 years of age who may be interested in attending NYS DEC Camp Colby for one week in summer 2017 to submit a *Statement of Interest* to the Audubon Society of the Capital Region, PO Box 14135, Albany, NY 12112-4135, or president@capitalregionaudubon.org, to be received no later than close of business **Wednesday, December 14**.

NYS DEC Camp Colby, a residential summer camp on Lake Colby in Saranac Lake, provides a stimulating blend of environmental learning and outdoor recreation which heightens awareness and appreciation of our precious natural heritage. Activities such as stream sampling, bird watching, and hiking in the heart of the Adirondacks bring basic conservation concepts to life, fostering a broad understanding of natural systems and the need for their environmental stewardship.

The Audubon Society of the Capital Region offers this sponsorship on an equal opportunity basis and will carefully review and rank candidate *Statements of Interest* according to the following criteria:

1. Potential benefit to the candidate's personal growth and development.
2. Relevance of the camp experience to the candidate's academic or career goals.
3. Relevance of the candidate's *Statement of Interest* to the Audubon mission.
4. The level of candidate experience in or familiarity with outdoor pursuits, while of interest, will not be a significant evaluative factor.

To be considered, candidates must:

1. Reside within the service area of Audubon Society of the Capital Region.
2. Submit a *Statement of Interest* no longer than 1 page (about 400 words) by c.o.b. Wednesday, December 14.
3. Include name and contact info (for notification purposes only) on the *Statement of Interest*.
4. Be responsible for his/her own transportation to and from camp.
5. Be 11-13 years of age by the beginning of his/her camp attendance.
6. Choose his/her preferred week of camp attendance. Camp dates and other information about NYS DEC's summer camp program can be found at www.dec.ny.gov.

The successful candidate must agree to provide a brief oral description of the candidate's camp experience to a very supportive Audubon Society of the Capital Region board sometime TBD in fall 2017, so that the board may vicariously enjoy the candidate's adventure and judge the efficacy of this important investment in advancing Audubon's conservation agenda.

Applicants will be notified of final candidate selection by or before c.o.b. Monday, January 16.

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