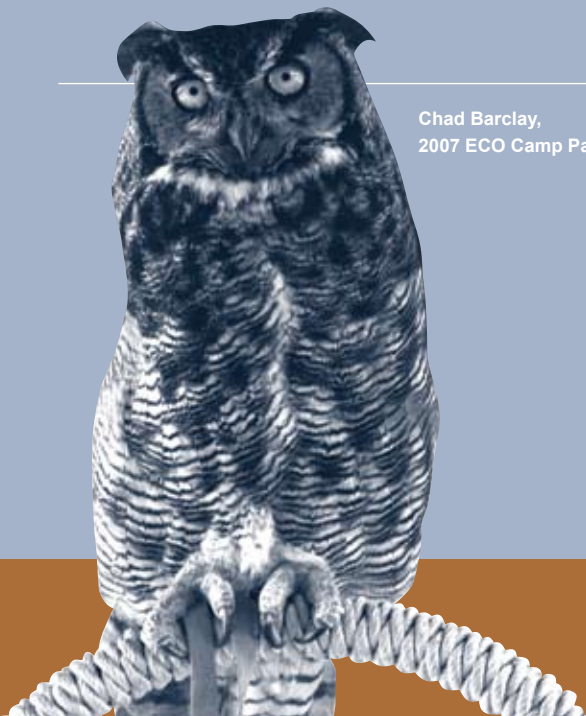




“ The staff was so cool! I learned so much about trees and wildlife and careers. I wish it was two weeks long! ”



Chad Barclay,  
2007 ECO Camp Participant



## Selection Procedures

Recruiters will provide recommendations for selection by ECO Camp staff. A camper list, plus a waiting list, will be established. Individuals on the waiting list may be selected if a camper withdraws from ECO Camp.

### For more information, contact

ECO Camp Coordinator  
Bureau of State Parks  
Outdoor Programming Services Division  
PO Box 8551  
Harrisburg, PA 17105-8551  
717.783.4356  
ECO\_Camp@state.pa.us

## Required Submissions After Selection

- Satisfactory medical certification to indicate physical suitability for participation in a group residential situation. Certification will be on the approved ECO Camp Medical History form. The medical form includes a consent statement that a parent or guardian authorizes first aid or emergency care and will not hold the Commonwealth responsible for any non-program accident or illness.
- Parental or legal guardian consent.
- Proof of age.
- Participant Agreement Form.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
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ECO Camp  
Exploring Careers Outdoors



Kirby House - July 11-16, 2010



**Join us for ECO Camp** – Exploring Careers Outdoors – a week-long residential camp for a cross-section of high school youth from across Pennsylvania, sponsored by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Participate in action-packed, hands on activities and recreational adventures in Pennsylvania’s state parks and forests that expose youth to conservation, recreation and careers in natural resources. Learn how people make a living working in the outdoors. A highlight of the week is an overnight camping trip in a nearby state park, and information on future employment opportunities will be available upon completion of the week’s programs. Key topics and recreational activities will surround the themes of water, land, forests, and wildlife. Youth participating in the camp may have opportunities for continued involvement with agency staff and programs, through potential options such as internships, mentoring programs, job shadowing or return as future camp leaders.

**ECO Camp Location:** Kirby House, near Nescopeck State Park and about ten miles south of Wilkes-Barre, Pa. This facility offers beautiful surroundings and comfortable sleeping accommodations.

**ECO Camp is offered free of charge.** Participants must provide their own transportation to and from ECO Camp at the start and end of camp.



## What to Expect

**While exploring careers outdoors, you will:**

- Have fun
- Make new friends
- Go kayaking or whitewater rafting
- Go fishing
- Go camping
- See birds of prey and snakes up close
- Investigate a stream
- Meet conservation professionals

## Criteria For Selection

**To participate in the program, you:**

- Must be entering 10<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade by September of the year you attend camp or have just completed 12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Have attained a C average or better in the school year prior to camp.
- Cannot be a user of illegal or controlled substances (drugs) or have a history of criminal or other anti-social behavior, including repeated school suspensions or expulsions.
- Must be a Pennsylvania resident.
- Have submitted the following:
  - A letter of recommendation from an individual or organization.
  - An essay of your interest in the outdoors.
- Have parental or guardian consent to participate in program activities.

Youth will be required to attend and participate in all activities.

\* Space is limited for ECO Camp.



## Application

Application deadline is April 1<sup>st</sup>

*Print or type all answers. Incomplete applications may be returned.*

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle Initial

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ PA \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Area Code

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Male  Female   
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*Please include a 150-200 word essay describing:*

- *Your outdoor interests*
- *Reasons for wanting to participate in ECO Camp*
- *How this experience will contribute to your personal goals*

Are you able to participate in outdoor activities? Yes  No

How did you hear about the ECO Camp program?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

I have attained a C average or better.

T-shirt Size:  S  M  L  XL

**Please attach:**

- A letter of recommendation from an individual or organization, including contact information (name, address, phone, email).

Youth Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

*Return completed applications to  
 ECO Camp Coordinator, Bureau of State Parks  
 PO Box 8551, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8551*