

# NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION



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## Summer Camp Campership Program

### Connecting Students with Nature

During the summer, interested 11–17-year-olds are eligible for a scholarship—called a **Campership**—for a week at one of DEC’s residential youth camps.

To be eligible for a Campership, students must be **11-17 years old** and participate in **ONE** of the following: **attend a trip, or submit a demonstration of interest through written or artistic form OR a combination of the above.**

We have set aside four weeks for campers to attend in 2025:

#### Week 1

Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup>  
Camp Colby for 11-13 year olds

#### Week 3

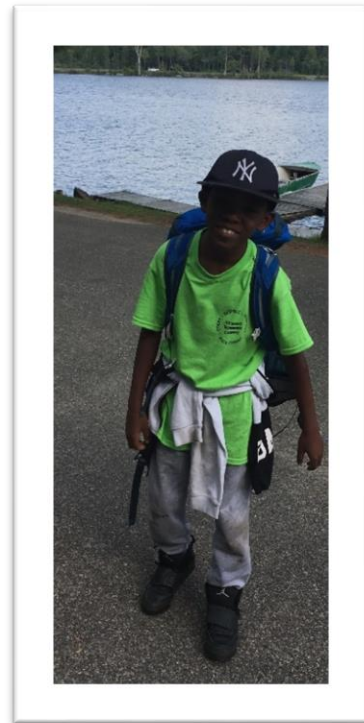
Sunday, July 13<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>  
Camp Pack Forest for 14-17 year olds

#### Week 5

Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> thru Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>  
Camp Pack Forest 14-17 year olds

#### Week 6

Sunday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>  
Camp DeBruce for 11-13 year olds



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### Weeks of Camp for 2025

Sunday, June 29 <sup>th</sup> thru Friday, July 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>11 - 13 YEARS</b>	Camp Colby in Saranac Lake, Franklin County, NY.
Sunday, July 13 <sup>th</sup> thru Friday, July 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b>14 - 17 YEARS</b>	Camp Pack Forest in Warrensburg, Warren County, NY.
Sunday, July 27 <sup>th</sup> thru Friday, August 1 <sup>st</sup>	<b>14 - 17 YEARS</b>	Camp Pack Forest in Warrensburg, Warren County, NY.
Sunday, August 3 <sup>rd</sup> thru Friday, August 8 <sup>th</sup>	<b>11 - 13 YEARS</b>	Camp DeBruce in Livingston Manor, Sullivan County, NY.

### FAQ

#### How do I sign up for a week of camp and is there a cost?

Campership weeks have no cost in the Campership program. To register, please email [isabelle.keefe@dec.ny.gov](mailto:isabelle.keefe@dec.ny.gov) with your camper's date of birth and week you would like them to attend. You will receive a follow up email with instructions on how to complete camp paperwork (online or paper copies).

#### How old do you have to be to go to DEC Camp?

Summer camp is for ages 11-17, including children turning 11 before December 1, 2025. Some weeks are scheduled for 11-13 year olds to attend and others are for 14-17 year olds. You may attend camp multiple seasons until you turn 18.

#### Is transportation available?

Transportation may be available. We have a 15-passenger van(s) that we can use to transport campers to and from camp. This will depend upon how many campers are coming from the same area and/or if we are able to work with a partner to provide transportation.

#### What does my child need to bring or wear?

The Camper Handbook, which you will receive once your camper has registered includes information on what to pack and bring to camp as well as what to leave at home. In general, we suggest campers bring clothing that can get dirty or muddy, as many of our activities are hands-on and outdoors.

#### Who is supervising my child?

Highly trained and experienced staff will be supervising your camper throughout their stay. This includes Camp Directors, a Camp Health Director, Camp Counselors, and Environmental Educators. Your child will be supervised 24 hours a day and safely guided through all programs and activities.

#### My question wasn't answered here...

Please reach out to Isabelle Keefe at [isabelle.keefe@dec.ny.gov](mailto:isabelle.keefe@dec.ny.gov) or by phone/text at (518) 225-2614.