

2009 National Youth Science Camp[®]

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General Information and Instructions

- National Youth Science Camp** The National Youth Science Camp (NYSC) is a residential science education program that honors and challenges two graduating high school science students from each state. Scientists from across the nation present lectures and hands-on science seminars and linger to interact informally with student delegates. Delegates are challenged to explore new areas in the biological and physical sciences, art, and music with resident staff members. Opportunities are provided for delegates to present seminars covering their own areas of interest and research. A visit to Washington D.C. permits delegates to visit some of the nation's premier scientific, governmental, and cultural facilities. The NYSC experience includes three overnight expeditions into the Monongahela National Forest featuring backpacking, rock-climbing, caving, mountain biking, or kayaking opportunities. Delegates are required to participate in the camp program for its entirety as the fast-paced activities in the remote location make travel to and from the NYSC very difficult. More information is available online at www.nysc.org.
- Location of the NYSC** The NYSC will be held at a facility located in the Monongahela National Forest near Bartow in the eastern mountains of West Virginia.
- Dates of the NYSC** Delegates **MUST** be able to attend the entire NYSC program. Delegates arrive in Charleston, West Virginia, on **Wednesday, July 1, 2009**, and depart on **Saturday, July 25, 2009**.
- Cost** The National Youth Science Foundation funds the National Youth Science Camp and it is offered at **NO COST** to its participants so that selected delegates may attend regardless of their financial status. All educational and recreational programming, as well as meals, lodging, and round-trip air passage on scheduled airlines are provided free of charge to the delegates.
- Eligible Applicants**
- Must be candidates for high school graduation between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009;
 - Must demonstrate superior academic proficiency, including recognition in mathematics and/or the sciences;
 - Must demonstrate an application of leadership abilities and social maturity through involvement in school and community activities;
 - Must demonstrate skills and achievements outside the realm of science and outside the realm of academic pursuits; and
 - Must demonstrate a curiosity and an eagerness to explore many and varied topics.
- Application Criteria** A complete application consists of an original and one copy of the following:
1. Delegate Application Cover Sheet (please print or type),
 2. A letter detailing your qualifications and reasons for applying (must be typed),
 3. A resume detailing your academic achievements and extra-curricular activities,
 4. A recent academic transcript (including standardized test scores when possible), and
 5. A letter of support from a teacher or research mentor.
- Submission Instructions**
1. Staple, in order, items 1 - 5, described above, together with one staple in the upper left corner. Do not otherwise bind your application nor place it in a folder.
 2. Mail or ship your complete application directly to your state selection coordinator so that it is received no later than January 23, 2009. Do not send your application material directly to the National Youth Science Foundation. Addresses are posted online at www.nysc.org/2009.
- Questions** For answers to questions about the application and delegate selection process, please contact your state's selection coordinator. For answers to questions about the NYSC, please contact the program's director, Andrew N. Blackwood, Ed.D., at Andrew.Blackwood@nysf.com.

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Delegate Application Cover Sheet

Print or Type

Name:	_____		
	Last	First	Middle
Gender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		
Street Address:	_____		
City, State Zip:	_____		
Home Telephone:	_____		
E-mail Address:	_____		
Parents' or Legal Guardians' Full Names:	_____		

School Name:	_____		
School Address:	_____		
City, State Zip:	_____		
School Telephone:	_____		

Application Check List: Your application material must be sent directly to your state's selection coordinator so that it is received no later than January 23, 2009. Do NOT send it to the office of the National Youth Science Camp.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><input type="radio"/> Delegate Application Cover Sheet – this page (please print or type),<input type="radio"/> A letter detailing your qualifications and reasons for applying (must be typed),<input type="radio"/> A resume detailing your academic achievements and extra-curricular activities,<input type="radio"/> A recent academic transcript (including standardized test scores when possible), and<input type="radio"/> A letter of support from a teacher or research mentor.
Applicant Certification:	I certify by signature below, that I will receive a high school diploma between July 1, 2008 and June 30, 2009, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, all of the information on and attached to this application is true, correct, complete and made in good faith. If selected, I expect to be available to participate during the entire period of the National Youth Science Camp from July 1 through July 25, 2009.
Applicant's Signature:	_____
Date Signed:	_____