

**The Leon Chandler Chapter of Trout Unlimited  
Camper Sponsorship Program - 2020  
New York State DEC Environmental Education Summer Camps**

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

**Trout Unlimited Information:**

Trout Unlimited's mission is to conserve, protect, and restore North America's trout and salmon fisheries and their watersheds. Trout Unlimited has approximately 300,000 members in 400 chapters nationwide. The Leon Chandler Chapter of Trout Unlimited has approximately 150 members who live primarily in Tompkins and Cortland Counties.

**Camp Information:**

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) operates four summer camps. At each location, campers spend one week during July or August involved in a variety of workshops and activities. These activities and workshops are designed to help the campers become more aware of the environment and stimulate their desire to participate in the sound management of our natural resources. The workshop titles include Group Dynamics, Principles of Ecology, Fresh Water Community, Field Community, Forest Community, and Human Community. Other outdoor recreation activities include fishing, hunter safety training, archery, hiking, canoeing, swimming, and birding.

For more information on the DEC camp programs and locations visit:

<http://www.dec.ny.gov/education/29.html>

**Applicant Information:**

The applicant must be a New York State resident between 11 and 17 years old.

The applicant must reside in the Leon Chandler Chapter's general area.

The applicant's prior interest in nature and the environment may be considered.

The applicant's financial situation may also be considered.

**Sponsorship Information:**

If the applicant is selected, The Leon Chandler Chapter of Trout Unlimited will pay the entire cost of the camp (\$350). In addition, up to \$100 will be available to assist with the purchase of required camp supplies and for transportation costs to and from the camp (see the supply list and the camp locations on the DEC website).

**Additional Information:**

For more information on the camper sponsorship program contact:

Rick Grossman  
140 Simsbury Drive  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
(607) 279-9002  
RDG@TC3.EDU

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**APPLICATION**

**To be considered, the applicant must submit both this application and a brief essay (see below) by January 8, 2020.** A brief letter of recommendation is strongly encouraged, but is optional. The letter, if submitted, should be written by someone other than a member of the applicant's family (e.g., friend of the family, counselor, group leader, teacher, coach, clergy).

The applicant must submit a brief essay explaining why he/she wishes to attend the DEC camp. The applicant should also describe any experiences that demonstrate a prior interest in nature and the environment.

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Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Age and Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Parent(s) or Guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Address (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

Submit the application, applicant essay, and recommendation to:  
Rick Grossman  
140 Simsbury Drive  
Ithaca, NY 14850

By signing below, the applicant's parent or legal guardian approves of this application and verifies that all of the information in the application and the essay are accurate. In addition, by signing below, the applicant's parent or guardian acknowledges that The Leon Chandler Chapter of Trout Unlimited is in no way responsible for any injuries or damages incurred when the sponsored camper is at the DEC camp or traveling to or from the DEC camp.

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(Signature of parent or legal guardian)

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(Date)