

# News Release

## *Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge*

P.O. Box 62

Chincoteague Island, VA 23336

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### Let's Go Outside With Children in the Woods Day Camp at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge

Why not send your kids outdoors this summer? At Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, your children can spend a week exploring nature through our Children in the Woods Day Camp. Camp is full of exciting and educational outdoor activities including crabbing, clamming, archery, surf fishing, bicycling, and kayaking. Day Camp is offered to children who have successfully completed 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grades by summer 2014 (must be between 8 and 11 years old).

Applications for the Children in the Woods Day Camp are now available at the Herbert H. Bateman Educational and Administrative Center and online at [www.fws.gov/northeast/chinco](http://www.fws.gov/northeast/chinco). A lottery will be held to select the 14 lucky participants for each session. Preference will be given to those who have never attended Children in the Woods Day Camp. Applications must be received by the refuge office by 5pm on May 01, 2014. Selection will occur by May 8 and successful applicants will be notified by mail.

Three sessions will be offered this year. There is a fee of \$50.00 per participant, but scholarships are available. There is a single application for June, July, and August day camps. Each day runs from 9am to 1pm. The sessions are:

- Session 1: June 23 – 27, 2014
- Session 2: July 14 – 18, 2014
- Session 3: August 4 – 8, 2014

Mail applications to:

Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge  
Attn: Children in the Woods Day Camp  
P.O. Box 62  
Chincoteague, VA 23336

The Children in the Woods Day Camp is sponsored by the Chincoteague Natural History Association. To learn more and see memorable photos from past camps, visit their website at [www.piping-plover.org](http://www.piping-plover.org). Go to the Kid's Corner tab and click on Children in the Woods.

For more information, contact Aubrey Hall, Park Ranger, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge at (757) 336-6122 ext. 324.

*The mission of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is working with others to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife, plants and their habitats for the continuing benefit of the American people. We are both a leader and trusted partner in fish and wildlife conservation, known for our scientific excellence, stewardship of lands and natural resources, dedicated professionals and commitment to public service. For more information on our work and the people who make it happen, visit [www.fws.gov](http://www.fws.gov).*

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# Children in the Woods Day Camp Summer 2014

## Camper Information

Name of Camper: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Male / Female (Circle one)

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home /Cell /Office (Circle one) T-shirt Size: S/M/L (Circle One)

Please check if your camper *has never* attended Children in the Woods Day Camp in the past.

## Emergency Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Camper: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home /Cell /Office (Circle one)

Alternate Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home /Cell /Office (Circle one)

## Health Information

Food/Medication Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Other Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Height: \_\_\_\_\_ Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Do you carry insurance? Yes / No (Circle one) If so, indicate carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Policy/Group #: \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Important Information: \_\_\_\_\_

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\*optional information

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App ID# \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out a separate application for each child. Campers may attend *only one* week of camp per summer. Select the preferred week(s) of camp below.

June 23 – 27 \_\_\_\_\_

July 14 – 18 \_\_\_\_\_

August 4 – 8 \_\_\_\_\_

Any week \_\_\_\_\_

Please read and complete the following:

I hereby request that my child be entered into the random drawing for attendance to the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge (CNWR) Children in the Woods Day Camp. I understand and am aware that my child will be participating in many physical activities and that the potential for accidents does occur. In consideration of acceptance to Children in the Woods Day Camp the following statements apply:

- I indemnify and hold harmless the Chincoteague Natural History Association, Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, United States Fish and Wildlife Service and/or its staff/volunteers from any and all liability, claims, damage, injury or illness sustained by my child.
- I grant permission for Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge to provide or obtain medical attention for my child in the event of sickness or injury and I understand accident insurance is not included in the camp fee. Should a camper require special medical attention, prescriptions, or hospital care during the camp session, parent(s)/guardian(s) shall bear the expenses.
- I understand that the Children in the Woods Day Camp will be held **June 23-27, July 14-18, and August 4-8, 2014**. I also understand that it is my responsibility to ensure my child will be dropped off at *9am* and picked up at *1pm*.
- My child may be participating in the following activities: kayaking, archery, fishing, crabbing, clamming, wildlife observation, hiking, biking, photography, and other *outdoor* activities for extended periods of time.
- A random drawing will be held to select participants for Children in the Woods Day Camp, which only admits 14 children per session. Children must have completed 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade by summer 2014 to be eligible to apply (minimum age is 8 years old, maximum age is 11 years old).
- I acknowledge that campers who have not previously attended camp will be given preference in the selection process.
- I understand that if drawn to participate in the Children in the Woods Day Camp there is a \$50.00 fee. (Scholarships are available by request).

**All applications must be received in the refuge office by 5:00pm on May 1, 2014.** The random drawing for the 14 available slots per session will be held by May 8. *Lottery results will be sent to all applicants via mail immediately thereafter.* Prior to camp, participants will receive additional information on what to bring as well as further instructions to complete registration. If you have any questions throughout the application process please contact Aubrey Hall at Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge at (757) 336-6122 ext 324.

We expect selected campers to participate in all camp activities, in order to fully experience and enjoy the wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities being provided. Your signed application signifies understanding and acceptance of these responsibilities. In addition, should a behavior or discipline problem affect our work with other campers or their enjoyment of Children in the Woods Day Camp, we reserve the right to dismiss those campers responsible, without refund.

Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:
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\*Application **MUST** be signed for applicant to be enrolled in the random drawing.\*

**Mail applications to:**

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