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Scholarship Application for Whittington Center Adventure Camp 2020

Sponsored by Guernsey County
Sportsmen for Conservation and the
Guernsey County Friends of the NRA

Camp Dates are June 14th – June 26th 2020
2 Scholarships will be awarded



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February 18th, 2020

Dear Perspective Applicant,

The Guernsey County Sportsmen for Conservation is proud to announce that it will be funding its second annual Whittington Adventure Camp Scholarship for the summer of 2019. Applying for this program places you in a very distinguished category of youth who are committed to growing your leadership potential, have a desire to learn discipline and respect, and want to increase your knowledge and skills in the outdoors.

The NRA Whittington Center is an award winning facility, which is highly sought after as a place for training. The Sportsmen for Conservation is excited to have secured two spots for local youth to attend this program June 14th through June 26th, 2020. This will be an all-expense paid trip to the NRA Whittington Center. Applicants must be between the ages of 14 and 17 at the time of the camp.

We look forward to receiving your application.

The Guernsey County Sportsmen for Conservation

Applications must be submitted by March 21st, 2020

Application must include:

Completed Application

One to Three letters of recommendation

Parental Commitment Letter

**All Scholarship Recipients will be notified by March
28th, 2020.**

Applications must be returned to:

Guernsey County Sportsmen for Conservation

P.O. Box 696, Cambridge, OH 43725



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**Guernsey County Sportsmen for Conservation
Whittington Center Adventure Camp
Scholarship Application**

Applicant Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: (____) _____ - _____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Email: _____ D.O.B. _____

SCHOOL Information

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Current Grade Level: _____ Current GPA: _____



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Application Questions

Why is it important for you to develop good leadership skills?

How have outdoor activities (i.e., shooting sports, hunting, fishing, etc.) affected your life in a positive manner?



What are your career ambitions, and how will you utilize leadership skills you are learning today?



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What extra-curricular activities do you participate in?

Why do you think you would be a good candidate for this program?

What are your career aspirations and goals?

Your Signature: _____ Date: _____



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NRA Whittington Adventure Camp Parental Agreement

The Guernsey County Sportsmen for Conservation, is providing transportation and camp fees for two scholarships to the NRA Whittington Adventure Camp in the summer of 2020.

I, _____, parent/guardian of
Print Parent/Guardian Name

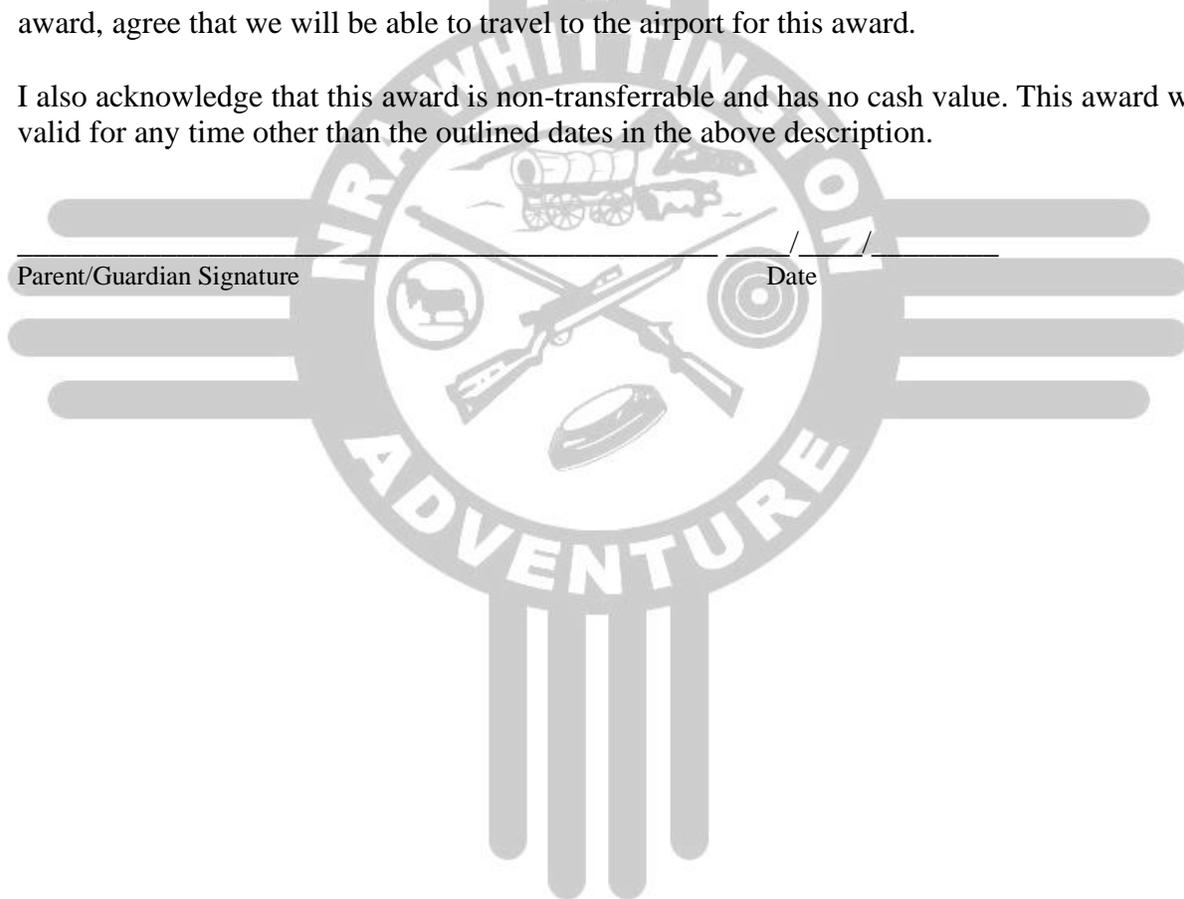
_____, the applicant for this
Print Applicant Name

award, agree that we will be able to travel to the airport for this award.

I also acknowledge that this award is non-transferrable and has no cash value. This award will not be valid for any time other than the outlined dates in the above description.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date





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Recommendation Letter

Youth Name: _____

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for taking the time to complete a recommendation for the current Whittington Scholarship applicant. Letters of recommendation are an integral part of the entire application. Therefore, your most earnest and observational thoughts on the student's qualifications are of quite importance on this portion of the application.

We have asked that the prospective Whittington student give you as much time as needed to write a letter thoroughly examining and highlighting the applicant's strengths and weaknesses. Please note that students will not be judged on per se weaknesses; our purpose for the letters of recommendation is to give us insight and perspective on the applicant's judgment, dependability, interpersonal skills, attitude, and initiative. We hope to gain a clearer picture of the applicant with this portion of the application, in addition his or her GPA and essay.

Please attach one letter of recommendation citing your understanding of the individual's qualifications for the Whittington Scholarship and mail it to the address at the top of the page. Specific examples of behavior and acts of ambition are extremely beneficial to the applicant. Please fill out your contact information below. Do not hesitate to call if you have any questions.

Rich Oster
Treasurer
Sportsmen for Conservation
740-350-0923

Letter of Recommendation: Contact Information

Please fill this section out with your contact information if it is not already notated in your letter of recommendation. This information is kept confidential. It will not be entered into a database or sold to third-party vendors.

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 Daytime Phone: (____) _____ Evening Phone: (____) _____
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Destination: **ADVENTURE CAMP**

Where: **NRA WHITTINGTON CENTER** Raton, NM

- America's Premier Outdoor Recreation Destination
- World's Most Comprehensive Outdoor Shooting Facility

"Home, home on the range, where the deer and the antelope play. Where seldom is heard a discouraging word, and the skies are not cloudy all day." – Higley & Guinn

The words to this unofficial anthem of the American West could well describe what could be called America's best and most comprehensive outdoor youth camp for boys and girls aged 13 to 17--The NRA Whittington Adventure Camp, held annually at NRA Whittington Center in northeastern New Mexico.

Since 1988, over 2,200 young men and women, from all parts of the U.S., Canada, and the world have attended the NRA Whittington Adventure Camp, arriving as kids and leaving as young responsible citizens.

"What separates Whittington Center's Adventure Camp from all other camps is where it's held, the program itself, our trained instructors and counselors, and the true respect, teamwork, and camaraderie among the campers," notes Wayne Armacost, Executive Director of the NRA Whittington Center.

The 'Adventure' takes place each summer at **America's Premier Outdoor Recreation Destination, NRA Whittington Center**, just outside Raton, New Mexico. The Center—home to clean air, quiet nights, and clear skies—encompasses 33,300 acres (over 52 square miles) and is situated in the high desert foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, where the High Plains meet

the Rocky Mountains. The historic Mountain Route of the Santa Fe Trails runs through the property.

The Adventure Camp is offered in **two consecutive, two-week sessions, beginning in mid-June and ending in mid-July**. Each session hosts **56 campers between the ages of 13 and 17**. Camp utilizes an all-volunteer staff of trained and qualified instructors and counselors. Campers are divided into small groups to allow for hands-on individual instruction and personal mentoring.

Besides its outstanding program and setting, Adventure campers are a unique and diverse group. Over the past quarter century, campers have traveled near and far from U.S. states and Canadian provinces, and many foreign countries to be part of this life-changing experience. The common thread that connects all together is their love of the outdoors, a sense of adventure, and a true quest for knowledge of recreational/competitive shooting, camping, and hunting.

Adventure Camp instructors and counselors are outstanding as well. All have been trained and certified, many are experts in their fields, and most return year after year. All counselors are former Adventure Campers, who have successfully completed the counselor-in-training program and have qualified to become certified counselors themselves. All have a true love and respect for the outdoors and for their country.

Don't miss out!

The Adventure Camp is one of the coolest things kids can do during their summers, and I feel gypped knowing I missed out when I was a teen. Two sessions each of boys and girls aged - come from all over the world for two weeks to learn shooting, hunting skills, camping, wildlife biology, tracking, orienteering, cooking, being polite, getting along, having fun and doing something outside other than soccer. All the instructors, including camp director Bill Perkins, are volunteers, and many of them are former students. The camp costs \$950, but that's not much considering it includes room, board, meals, prizes and expert instruction for nearly two weeks. And where else can your child learn how to shoot a Barrett .50 caliber at 1,000 yards or shoot a flying target out of the air at 20 paces with a bow? If do-nothing beaches and video games are not to overrun us, we need programs just like this one—all over the country—to keep our traditions alive.

Marleigh Harbour, from Richmond, Ky., is a standout archer. She also favors smallbore rifle and pistol, two disciplines

she learned at Adventure Camp. "My favorite thing about camp is meeting new friends," she said. Her least favorite? Waking up at 5:30 every morning.

Amos Riggs, 15, is a camp counselor in training. In 2010 he was a camper, but he liked it so much he wanted to return and help other kids. He's an experienced hunter and shooter, and he wants to be a game warden someday. "It's the experience of a lifetime," he said of Adventure Camp.

—By **Jeff Johnston**, Managing Editor, *American Hunter*





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Adventure Camp's underlying purpose has been and still is—to teach the safe use and stewardship of firearms. In addition to the recreational and competitive shooting curriculum, hunting, camping, and survival skills are added as part of the total experience. The age-appropriate, comprehensive New Mexico State hunters' education program complements full spectrum firearms training with an emphasis on safety first, hands-on firearms fundamentals, and marksmanship skills. Teamwork, respect, camaraderie, and patriotism are also emphasized in the program.

The hunting curriculum focuses on the development of hunting ethics and responsibilities, basic wilderness and survival skills, map reading and orienteering, knife use, care and sharpening, camp preparation and camp cooking, game tracking, field dressing and a walk-through hunt (using paper targets), plus more. Hunter/landowner relations and stewardship are also emphasized, along with leadership and team spirit, instilled through group involvement and cooperation. Additionally, hunting and outdoor skills learned in the classroom will be used in a real-life setting during the end-of-camp 3-day campout.

Firearm training takes place at the NRA Whittington Center's 17 world-class shooting ranges, billed as *America's Most Comprehensive Outdoor Shooting Facility*. Campers train in-classroom, on-range, and in the wild on proper firearm and archery safety, shooting fundamentals, firearm care and cleaning, and practical marksmanship and ballistics, with a variety of handguns, short and long-range rifles, shotguns, black powder muzzleloaders, and archery equipment.

During their 2-week stay, each camper will fire over 1,200 rounds as part of a proven "Introduction to Competitive Events" curriculum that focuses specifically on:

- > High Power Rifle Silhouette
- > 1,000 Yard Rifle Shooting
- > Trap
- > Skeet
- > Sporting Clays
- > Muzzleloader Bulls-eye & Silhouette
- > Pistol Bulls-eye & Silhouette
- > 3-D Archery

To complete the course and earn the NRA Whittington Adventure Camp Certificate of Completion, each camper must demonstrate the safe handling of their firearms and the shooting skills acquired in the classes during an actual on-site, walk-through hunt. A special awards banquet is held the final evening of camp. Family and friends are encouraged to attend.

NRAWC FACTS:



- Established 1973
- 10 miles southwest of Raton, NM
- Open 364 days a year, closed Christmas Day
- Interactive Visitor Center & Museum
- In the Foothills of Sangre de Cristo Mountains
- Mountain Route of the Old Santa Fe Trail
- Home to 90+ species of animals & birds
- 33,300 acres
- 52 Square Miles
- Elevation: 6,100 to 8,300 feet
- 17 World-class shooting ranges
- Guided or non-guided hunts available
- Housing for up to 275 visitors in cabins, dormitory-style housing, and luxury suites
- 125 RV campsites with full hookups
- 26 primitive camping spaces
- A place to shoot, hunt, hike, bike, ride, & escape.

WHITTINGTON'S FUTURE IS UP TO YOU!

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CHECKLIST: ADVENTURE CAMP

(chek' list) n. A series of things to read, bring, and do before you arrive.

*NRA Whittington Center provides all necessary shooting equipment and ammunition for campers.
NO PERSONAL FIREARMS are allowed. More information will be included in the full information package.*

What You Will Shoot:

Throughout the years generous companies and individuals have graciously donated a variety of the finest firearms, archery equipment, and ammo for Adventure Camp use. Glock, Ruger, and Smith & Wesson **handguns** in 9mm, .45 ACP and .22 caliber, plus a Colt .45 single-action revolver, just to name a few. Ruger and Savage **rifles** mounted with Leupold and Trijicon **optics** and a Barrett .50 caliber! Lyman, Knight and Thompson Center .50 caliber **muzzleloaders**. Mossberg and Beretta 12- and 20 gauge **shotguns**. Archery equipment includes Bowtech Diamond compound bows (some with Trijicon sights) for 3-D archery target shooting, and a Laporte Archery Phoenix target thrower. **Ammunition** for Adventure Camp is donated by many of America's best ammunition manufacturers and suppliers—AcuSport, ATK/Federal, Cheaper Than Dirt, Hodgdon, and Hornady.

** In addition to industry and individual donations, various chapters of the Friends of NRA are annual sponsors and active supporters of Adventure Camp.*

What to Pack:

- ✓ Clothing for 9 days—your counselor will do your laundry for you!
- ✓ Sleeping bag, sleeping mat, and pillow
- ✓ Ear and eye protection
- ✓ Toiletries and towels



Where You'll Stay:

Campers stay in Whittington's Rustic Cabins. Each cabin consists of a 12x17 room, with 8 bunk beds and 8 storage cubicles, a separate bathroom with shower, and an adjoining room that accommodates 2 counselors. Campers are segregated by age and sex, and assigned to respective cabins.

Meals:

- ✓ Awesome cooking at the Center's cafeteria—you'll never go hungry!
- ✓ Sack lunches for the event days away from facilities.
- ✓ Coin-operated soda machines are at several ranges and within the cabin complex

What's On-Site:

In addition to Whittington's Visitor Center and office complex, campers can spend time at:

- ✓ Whittington's **Gift Shop**, offering Southwest jewelry, souvenirs, postcards, clothing, & more
- ✓ The **Frank Brownell Museum of the Southwest**
- ✓ The **Bud & Willa Eymann Research Library**
- ✓ The **Van Houten Ghost Town and Coal Mine ruins**
- ✓ **"The Scout" Statue & Walkway** that depicts Charlton Heston & overlooks the historic **Mountain Route of the Santa Fe Trail**
- ✓ The camp office, nurse's station, laundry facilities, and telephones are within the cabin complex.

High-Desert Tips:

With an average elevation of 7,500 feet, there's more sun, less water, and thin O₂. Be sure to pack 'high-desert gear'!

- ✓ **Water:** Pack your canteen, water bottle, or backpack hydration system. Hydrate **hourly**.
- ✓ **Sunscreen:** You're closer to the sun at higher elevations. Apply liberally.
- ✓ **Lip Balm, aka ChapStick®:** Look for one with SPF protection, too. Flavors optional.
- ✓ **Broad-brimmed Hat:** Shade for your face, neck, and ears.
- ✓ **Long Pants:** For the cooler days and wilderness hikes through the bushes and undergrowth
- ✓ **All-Terrain Footwear:** To keep out the stickers and critters. *Note: Break 'em in before you arrive.*



Getting Here...

Travel to Adventure Camp can be by air, train, bus or personal vehicle. Camp staff will greet campers arriving by air at the Colorado Springs, Colorado airport (COS) only, **between 10:00 am and 2:00 pm** on the first day of camp. Campers arriving by train or bus will be met at the respective terminals in Raton, New Mexico on the first day of camp.

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