



TOYS

TENNESSEE OUTDOORS YOUTH SUMMIT



June 13-18, 2010

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**Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency
Montgomery County Sportsmen Association
Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation**

The Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency will be conducting the first annual Tennessee Outdoors Youth Summit (TOYS) June 13-18 for students in high schools across Tennessee in cooperation with the Montgomery County Sportsmen Association (MCSA) and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Foundation (TWRP). Students will be introduced to many different outdoor activities including boating, hunting, trapping, archery, photography, marksmanship, plant identification, forestry, camping, water quality, trap shooting, skeet shooting, wildlife identification, and several classes with wildlife and fishery biology as the topic. Students will participate in hands-on classes that will teach the importance of the natural resources and their management. Instructors will be wildlife and fisheries biologists, wildlife officers, college professors, professional shooting coaches, and experts from fields of interest. Students can plan on each class they sign up for to be two to four hours long and will include hands-on application in that subject. Once the students are accepted to the program, they will be able to attend at least ten classes during the week they have chosen. During this week, the students will have the opportunity to gain certification in many different programs. TOYS will provide youth opportunities to learn more about hunting, fishing, and shooting. Students that are interested in a career in the natural resources field, will also enjoy the experiences that normally are not learned until you join the work force.

TOYS will cost \$300 for the week-long experience. Students will be housed in a hotel in Clarksville, Tennessee and bused out each day to a TWRA complex in Montgomery County. Meals will also be covered under the fee. Parents or guardians will be required to bring students into town on Sunday night and pick them up either Friday night at the awards ceremony or the following morning. Rooms will be available, for a fee, if parents wish to come into town on Friday night to attend the banquet and stay the night. Students will be required to be picked up by 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 19. Students interested should submit an application by April 30, 2010 and send along with a deposit of \$150 to MCSA, 3630 Corbandale Road, Palmyra, TN, 37142. Enrollment is limited to 100 students and if your application is not accepted, refunds will be returned in full. If your application is chosen, you will be sent a schedule packet that must be completed selecting classes you are interested in. At that time, applications must return the packet and send the remaining cost of the program. Students will be assigned a roommate with two students to a room. If applications have someone they know they want to room with, they should indicate that on the application. Applications can be downloaded from www.tnwildlife.org or www.shoottn.org If you have questions, contact Jereme Odom at (615) 781-6500, extension 2103, or email Jereme.Odom@tn.gov. TWRA looks forward to introducing you to Tennessee's natural resources.





Application For

TOYS: Tennessee Outdoors Youth Summit



- Return this application as soon as possible, postmarked no later than April 30, 2010.
- A deposit of \$150 is required with this application. Money will be returned if child is not chosen.
- Make checks payable to Montgomery County Sportsman Association (MCSA).

Part 1: Applicant Information

Name: _____ Nickname: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: (TN only) ZIP: _____

Telephone Number 1: (_____) _____ __ Home __ Work __ Cell

Telephone Number 2: (_____) _____ __ Home __ Work __ Cell

Email: _____ Sex: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Roommate: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian with whom you reside: _____

Special Needs or Requirements: _____

**The TOYS week will be strenuous. (A typical day will go from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.) It will include much walking and many bus transfers. Also, be aware that it may be hot and humid in June and all activities will take place outdoors.*

Part 2: School Information

Applicant must currently be enrolled in an accredited or equivalent high school or be an incoming freshman in the fall of 2010.

Name of High School: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: (TN only) ZIP: _____

Current Grade (April 2010): __ 8th __ Freshman __ Sophomore __ Junior __ Senior



Part 3: Extracurricular Activities, Shooting Sports and Outdoor Recreation:

(extracurricular activities, clubs, associations, offices held, awards received)

List any interests or activities in shooting sports or other outdoor recreation that includes any hunting or fishing experience.

Part 4: Personal Statement

Attach to this application a paragraph or more explaining why you are a good candidate for this year's TOYS. Please state why you should be selected, citing examples when necessary. Your statement should be typed and no longer than one page.

Part 5: Recommendations

Recommendations can be included but are not required.

Part 6: Parents

The Tennessee Outdoors Youth Summit will be held June 13-18, 2010. Your child will be housed at a hotel in Clarksville, Tennessee, and will be bused out to a TWRA Wildlife Management Area each day starting Monday. After your child is chosen for the summit (May 3), your child will receive a letter and a schedule packet that will need to be filled out and returned with the remaining cost of the program. The total cost is \$300 (room and all meals are included). Applicants can request a roommate and should write the roommate's name on the line provided in this application. When your child arrives on Sunday night, you and your child will be required to go through a rules and regulations meeting that will review conduct for the week. Any conduct problem that week can result in your child being dismissed from the program and will result in the forfeit of registration fee.

Any parents interested in helping during the week should indicate their interest on the application. We will be looking for four parents to help.

Friday night will end the program and your child will be attending the awards banquet. Parents can attend the banquet for the cost of the meal. If you choose to attend and stay the night in Clarksville, there will be a phone number given along with the cost of the room in the schedule packet. Parents can wait to pick up applicants on Saturday morning (no later than 10 a.m.).

If you have any questions, please call (615) 781-6500, extension 2103 or email Jereme.Odom@tn.gov. We look forward to seeing you and your child.