



Dear Teen,

Are you or someone you know interested in nature? Are you interested in learning more about college and career options in the natural resource field?

If so, then the Edinburg Scenic Wetlands & World Birding Center, in Edinburg, TX, would like to invite you to participate in our upcoming “Leadership in Nature” program from July 23rd to July 28th, 2012.

During this five day field intensive program, we will introduce you to career opportunities in the environmental arena. Some of the careers you will experience first hand include environmental education, research, resource protection, and sustainable development. You will meet with professors, natural resource professionals, scientists and managers as you learn about the vast array of careers open to you. In addition, you will have the opportunity to explore some of the best habitat that the Rio Grande Valley has to offer while participating in real-world science opportunities.

“Leadership in Nature” is for High School students, 14-18 years of age. Transportation, lunch, snacks, program and entrance fees, and overnight camping fees are included. In addition, participants will receive a hat and t-shirt, plus other goodies & supplies. The program fee is \$100 per student, and \$90 per student family member. To apply for the program, please fill out the attached application and mail to: **Edinburg Scenic Wetlands and World Birding Center, PO Box 1079, Edinburg, TX 78540** or drop it off in person. I’ve included a flyer for the event along with a daily itinerary. You can also visit our website at www.EdinburgWBC.org for more information.

If you or someone you know is interested in nature, the outdoors, science or wildlife, please join us for “Leadership in Nature” and take the first step on a wonderful new journey.

With regards,

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Edinburg Scenic Wetlands & World Birding Center

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STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

STUDENT INFORMATION

(Please print clearly)

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Student's E-mail: _____

Parent or Teacher E-mail: _____

Birthdate: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____ Age on August 1, 2012 _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Name of Your School: _____

School Address: _____

City, State _____ Zip Code: _____

Incoming Grade (12/13 School Year) _____

OTHER QUESTIONS

Note: There is no right or wrong answers to the following questions. These are asked to help us better meet your needs.

Do you plan on going to college? (mark one) [] Yes [] No

If yes, what is your planned major in college? _____

What college(s) do you want to attend? _____

If you do not plan on going to college, what industry do you plan to work for? _____

ENVIRONMENTAL – RELATED INFORMATION *(use separate paper if you need more space)*

What environmental issues are of the most concern to you (up to 3):

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

What environmental-based classes, programs, clubs, camps or organizations have you been part of during the last four years? List Dates.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

What environmental projects have you been involved in during the last for years *(ex: clean-ups, re-vegetation efforts, recycling programs, etc.)*

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

REFERENCES/SPONSOR

List one adult (other than family member) who can attest to your interest in the environment or to your participation in an environmental activity *(ex. teacher, principal, scout leader, counselor, employer, club sponsor, etc.)*

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

What is their relationship to you? _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

Name of Mother/Female Guardian: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Company _____

Name of Father/ Male Guardian: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Company _____

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Please mark who to call in case of Emergency: Mother Father Other

Name of Emergency Contact (other than parents or guardian):

Street Address: _____

City, State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Company _____

SHORT ESSAY

Please write a short essay about why you would like to attend the program. Include what you are interested in, what you would like to get out of the program and how you think it can help you in your future career goals. *(Use additional paper if you need more space).*

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications must be received no later than **Monday, July 2nd**. As space is limited, applicants are NOT guaranteed a spot in the July “Leadership in Nature” program. All applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

For more information or for questions, please contact the Edinburg Scenic Wetlands and World Birding Center at (956) 381-9922 or moliva@EdinburgWBC.com

SUBMISSION, PAYMENT & CONFIRMATION

Mail completed applications, along with a deposit check of \$20, to

Edinburg Scenic Wetlands and World Birding Center
c/o Leadership in Nature
PO Box 1079
Edinburg TX 78540

Check must be made out to the ***City of Edinburg***.

Attendees will be notified of their acceptance to the program on or prior to Friday, July 6th. Full payment is due by **July 16th, 2012**. Those students who are not accepted to the program will receive the full deposit amount back prior to July 25th.

All students accepted into the program will be required to fill out a Medical Emergency Form and sign an “Attendee’s Contract” which lists accepted and non-accepted behaviors. Forms should be returned to the Center by July 16th, 2012.

CANCELLATIONS

If an accepted applicant can not attend the program and must cancel, s/he MUST notify EWBC by July 13th to receive the full deposit back. Applicants who cancel after this date will not receive their deposit back, unless approved by the EWBC manager.