

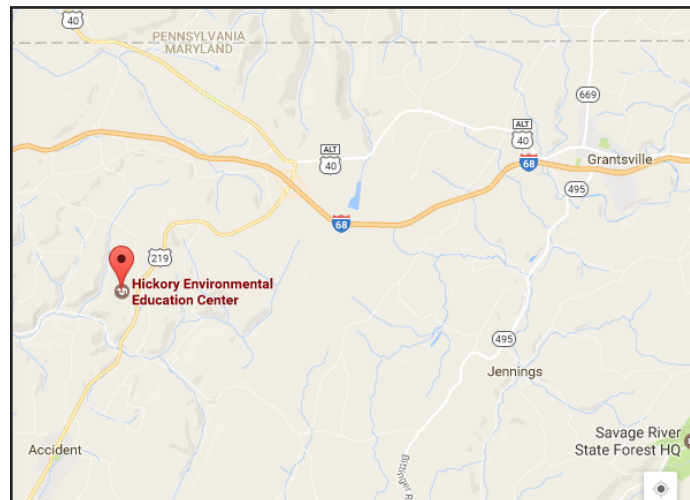
HOW IT WORKS

Students must be currently enrolled in, going into, or recently graduated from high school. To apply, go to www.marylandforestryfoundation.org and follow the steps to submit your application. Once your full application has been received and reviewed, your local forestry board will contact you to arrange a short interview. The forestry board will then select students from their area to attend the camp. Most forestry boards provide financial assistance in the form of a partial or full student scholarship. Without any assistance, NRCC tuition is \$500.00 plus a \$150.00 activity fee. Once selected, detailed instructions will be provided.

College credit is available. Students, age 16 or older at the time of camp, can elect to earn two college credits (additional cost) from Allegany College of Maryland upon completion of an optional exam at the end of camp. The credits will transfer to most Maryland community colleges and several four-year colleges and universities. College scholarships are also available based on attendance at the camp.

For any questions or concerns, contact your local forestry board.

The camp is held at Hickory Environmental Education Center. A map is included below for your reference:



The Natural Resources Careers Camp is presented by:

The Maryland Association of Forest Conservancy District Boards

In partnership with:

Allegany College of Maryland, Maryland Forestry Foundation, and Maryland Department of Natural Resources



Natural Resources Careers Camp

Accident, Maryland

July 19-25, 2026

Explore
Learn
Engage
Grow

Discover What Your Future Could Hold.



Over the course of seven days, campers have an opportunity to learn about and participate in a variety of activities related to natural resources, all while having fun outside and making connections with other like-minded students from across the region. Real field professionals will be present to teach, assist, and answer any questions. At College Night, students have the unique opportunity to be in front of representatives from the top regional college natural resource programs! Each student is given specialized attention (typically one counselor per six students). Bed and three meals a day plus a snack are provided. The food is good! For a more in-depth look at what a week at camp would be like, visit our website and Facebook page (see back).

LEARN BY DOING

- ◆ FOREST DATA COLLECTION
- ◆ WILDLIFE PRESENTATIONS
- ◆ TREE CLIMBING AND PRUNING
- ◆ FISH SHOCKING
- ◆ TREE AND SOILS IDENTIFICATION
- ◆ GPS/GIS USAGE
- ◆ TREE PLANTING
- ◆ WILDLAND FIRE SUPPRESSION
- ◆ FOREST MANAGEMENT PLAN
- ◆ CHAINSAW DEMO
- ◆ MACROINVERTEBRATE SAMPLING
- ◆ TOUR OF WORKING SAW MILL
- ◆ CROSSCUT SAW
- ◆ COLLEGE NIGHT
- ◆ CAREER NIGHT

Explore careers in the great outdoors

Careers in natural resources include, but are not limited to:

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| ◆ Arborist | ◆ Logger |
| ◆ Botanist | ◆ Natural Resource Police |
| ◆ Forester | ◆ Park Ranger |
| ◆ Ecologist | ◆ Pest Specialist |
| ◆ Environmental Educator | ◆ Procurement Forester |
| ◆ Environmental Scientist | ◆ Soil Scientist |
| ◆ Fishery Operator | ◆ Urban Forester |
| ◆ GIS Analyst | ◆ Wildland Firefighter |
| ◆ Insect and Disease Specialist | ◆ Wildlife Biologist |

Guest professionals typically include representatives from the Maryland Department of Natural Resource (Wildlife, Fisheries, Forest Service, Park Service), Maryland Department of the Environment, Pepco, Davey Tree Service, Bartlett Tree Experts, Maryland Natural Resource Police, Verso Paper, and consultant foresters, among others.

At College Night, colleges typically include: Allegany College, University of Maryland, West Virginia University, Garrett College, and Virginia Tech.



Girls' Cabins



Boys' Cabins



WILDLIFE ACTIVITIES

"We learned about hawks, snakes, and owls. It was really cool and sad hearing about their stories."

"The activity was very informative and I enjoyed creating my own 'perfect habitat'."

"It was very cool to see the thermal imaging of the bat calls."



STREAM SURVEY

"Shocking fish was really interesting and it is nice how clean the water is."

"Be quick on the net because the fish only stay for a little bit of time."

"There are millions of bugs at the bottom of the stream."



CAREER NIGHT

"The game was fun and to see how many different jobs we can go into was amazing."

"I got a whole bunch of great information on different natural resource management career opportunities."

