



Claytor Nature Center, Summer STEAM Academy

Application: Research Boot Camp 2019

Thank you for your interest in our new Summer STEAM Academy programs at Claytor Nature Center! Research Boot Camp is designed to provide an immersive research experience to rising 9th and 10th grade students. As a Cadet, and later as an Investigator, you will practice scientific methods, explore topics in ecological and environmental science, and use a variety of research tools to design and pursue scientific questions. Each week of camp takes place at Claytor Nature Center, the University of Lynchburg's remote campus in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Bedford, VA.

Transportation from University of Lynchburg campus may be available and can be reserved through the registration portal after acceptance into the program.

Application process:

1. Complete the attached application form digitally, or print and write your responses.
2. Submit your application digitally via the CampDoc registration site on the Claytor Nature Center camp programs webpage. (We anticipate that registration should be available by the end of January.)

OR

Mail your completed application to:

Danielle Racke

Claytor Nature Summer STEAM Academy

1844 Woods Rd

Bedford, VA 24523

3. Pay your registration fee (\$15) via the CampDoc registration site on the Claytor Nature Center camp programs webpage.
4. Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, beginning February 25, 2019.
5. If accepted into the Research Boot Camp program, you will be given access to general camp registration information in the CampDoc portal. At this time, you will be able to fill out the remainder of your camp registration forms and pay your deposit to reserve your spot in camp. If accepted into the program, your application fee will be applied to camp tuition.
6. Contact program director, Danielle Racke <racke_d@lynchburg.edu> if you have questions.

Important dates:

- Mid- to late-January: Registration opens via CampDoc portal on Claytor Nature Center summer camp page.
- **February 25 – May 3:** Applications are reviewed and applicants alerted about status on a rolling basis.
- May 12: Final payment for the Cadet program is due.
- June 14: Final payment for the Investigators program is due.



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NAME OF APPLICANT		
First	Middle	Last

CONTACT INFORMATION		
Email address	Mobile phone	Home phone

MAILING ADDRESS		
Address		
City	State	Zipcode

ACADEMIC INFORMATION	
School for 2018-19 school year	Most recently completed grade level
List of science classes completed	List of math classes completed

Cadets and Investigators camps are each one week long. Please rank your preference for the week you would like to attend each camp. Investigators is an optional camp, but Cadets camp is required to attend Investigators. You may enroll in Investigators at a later time, if you choose not to request a week now.

(Please rank 1 as most preferred and 3 as least preferred)

<i>Cadets</i>				<i>Investigators (optional; Cadets prerequisite)</i>			
Jun 3-7	1	2	3	Jun 24-28	1	2	
Jun 10-14	1	2	3	Jul 29-Aug 2	1	2	
Jun 17-21	1	2	3				

ABOUT YOU

Tell us about yourself and your interests by responding to the following prompts. Be sure to proofread and to use proper capitalization and punctuation where appropriate.

1	List any outdoor or science camp experiences you have had.
2	Briefly describe a memorable experience in the outdoors.
3	How did you become interested in research?
4	What do you want to get out of Research Boot Camp?
5	What is an ecologist to you? Draw a picture or write a paragraph.

Applicant Name: _____