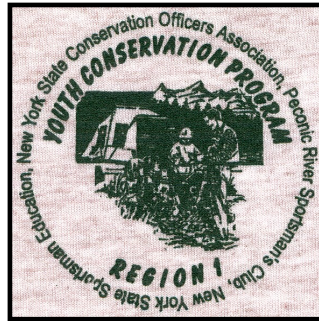


The 2026 Youth Conservation Program



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Conservation for Future Generations

APRIL 11th & 12th, 2026 at the Peconic River Sportsman's Club

A two day hands-on program for the purpose of introducing **12-16 year old's** to the basic principles of conservation, hunter education and general outdoorsmanship.

Qualifications: Open to all interested youth **ages 12-16**, who have not yet taken their Hunter Education course. Assigned homework must be completed prior to the 1st day of the program.

Cost to participant: NONE! Everything (except personal items) will be provided by YCP, including lunch.

Supervision: Participants will be supervised by certified Hunter Education Instructors.

Participants who successfully complete the program will receive their Hunter Education Training Certificate. These certificates are required to purchase a hunting license.

Class is limited to 30 participants who will be selected by the YCP committee. Applicants will be notified of acceptance.

For More Information:

Phone: (631) 444-0255

Email: R1SportsmanEducation@dec.ny.gov

Sponsored by:



Schedule of Events:

DAY 1 (7:30 AM to 4:00 PM)

Hunter Education Class:

- Wildlife Management
- Conservation Law
- Hunting Ethics
- Firearms: Muzzleloading, Rifle, Shotgun
- **LUNCH**
- First Aid and Survival
- Turkey Hunting
- Field Care of Game
- Review/Test

DAY 2 (7:30 AM to 4:00 PM)

Outdoor Challenge Events:

- Marksmanship (rifle and shotgun)
- Tree-stand Safety
- **LUNCH**
- Wildlife Identification
- Orienteering

An **AWARDS CEREMONY** will follow in late afternoon for participants and families

Youth Conservation Program Application

Mail to: NYSDEC Hunter Education - ATTN: YCP
50 Circle Road Stony Brook, NY 11790
Or

Scan and email to: R1SportsmanEducation@dec.ny.gov

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

Zip Code

Phone #: (_____) _____ - _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Age on 4/11/2026: _____

Sex: MALE / FEMALE / X

T-shirt Size: _____

Food borne allergies: _____

Do you have experience with handling firearms? _____

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

ON SEPARATE PAPER IN A MINIMUM 75 WORD ESSAY,

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING:

- Why would you like to participate in this program? *And*
 - How would you benefit from the program?