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CAMPING



AT WOLF TRAP

NATIONAL PARK FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS VIENNA, VA

October 7 & 8,
2018
Open to 5th & 6th
Grader Campers

For
First Time
Campers

Register your child for this program at: www.fowt.info

SUPER Activities Include Camping Skills, Campfire Experience, Cooking, Archery, Fly Fishing, Bird Watching, Nature Programs, Wolf Trap Stage Theatrics & Tours and Plenty of Fun & Friends!!!

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Wolf Trap NPS First Time Campers Program

Wolf Trap National Park (Filene Center) | Sun & Mon, October 7 & 8, 2018

Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts is sponsoring a camp out for 5th & 6th grade first-time campers who may not otherwise have the opportunity to experience overnight camping. Wolf Trap plans to sponsor a camp out in the spring and fall each year. The next camp out is scheduled October 7 & 8, 2017.

As a follow up to six very successful events in the past three years, the Wolf Trap National Parks Service, local Boy Scout Troop 55 and the Friends of Wolf Trap have enhanced our program designed specifically for 5th and 6th grade boys and girls. The program has been recognized as the 2017 VolunteerFairfax Youth Program of the Year. This is a unique experience as camping is not usually permitted at the Wolf Trap National Park. We have a special permit to conduct this program. Our intent is to provide youth who do not have extensive camping experience

the opportunity to learn to appreciate the great outdoors and gain a sense of independence. Gary Pan, a Scout leader who has lead groups to weeklong summer camps and treks, serves as the Camp Director and can attest firsthand to the “challenges of having 5th and 6th graders go away for an overnight camp out for their first time without the supervision of their parents. This is an opportunity for youth to learn to become comfortable with the outdoors, have fun and build confidence, while not venturing too far from home. This is also a great way for parents to learn to become more comfortable that their child can thrive independently.”

The program provides tents for the event for the elementary school campers and the troop will be lending some troop gear (camp stoves and Dutch ovens). Boy Scout Troop 55 will lead a campout program for the participants which will include instructing on camp set up, working with camp stoves, cooking & clean up, exploring the beauty of the nature park, conducting community service, participating in camp fire (under special permit) activities such as skits and s'mores, and completing a back stage tour of the Wolf Trap Performing Arts Filene Center. Super-activities planned for the camp out experience include: archery, fly-fishing, bird watching, pollinator program, local hikes, and performances on the local stages.

Enrollment is limited to only 48 participants and we will have over 40 volunteers (Scout/Venture/NPS/Community Youth and Adults) to help administer the program. The Wolf Trap National Park Service is the primary sponsor; however, the local Boy Scouts and the Friends of Wolf Trap are also actively involved.



www.foutb.info

Participants:

Registration: <https://fall2018-ftcp-campers.bpt.me> or www.fowt.info

Fee: \$40 via BrownPaperTicket at <https://fall2018-ftcp-campers.bpt.me>

Check In: 8am, October 7th, Sunday (Based upon registration, Application & Medical Forms must be submitted in advance to determine participation, Waiting list may apply)

Departure: 4pm, October 8th, Monday

What participants need to bring:

Sleeping bags, pillows, weather appropriate clothing and footwear, personal hygiene kits, rain gear. Tents and mess kits will be provided. Bedding is available (please indicate in advance). Limited camperships are available by application.

For More Information on the Event: www.fowt.info or email FirstTimeCampers@gmail.com

Volunteers:

Volunteers are welcome to apply to participate. We will conduct a **volunteer orientation on September 30 from 5p – 7p** at the Wolf Trap Filene Center (Ranger HQ). All volunteers must complete Youth Protection Training (BSA), complete the NPS Volunteer Registration Form V301 and submit a \$10 Volunteer Registration Fee of \$10 (to cover a portion of the cost of a camp shirt and food). Volunteers who stay the night will bring their own camping equipment.

Volunteer Sign Up: <https://fall2018-ftcp-vols.bpt.me/>

Volunteer Registration Fee: \$10 via <https://fall2018-ftcp-vols.bpt.me/>

Donations and Corporate Sponsors:

Friends of Wolf Trap supports efforts to enhance the Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts greater potential for the study and preservation of natural resources, local history, and outdoor recreational uses not directly related to performance. We are a 501(c)(3) tax deductible non-profit organization. We accept donations to the First Time Campers Program to help underwrite camperships for underserved Title 1 youth in our community who otherwise would not be able to afford participation in our program. Thank you in advance for generous contribution.

Donations: <http://fowt.info/about/> via PayPal or Checks may be sent to:
Friends of Wolf Trap, 1551 Trap Road, Vienna, VA 22182

Open to the Public:

Please feel free to circulate this opportunity to some of your child's friends and others in your network who may have 5th and 6th graders who might be interested in this program. Please also update the below SignUp Genius to express your interest so that we can more effectively monitor registration.

Partnering organizations:

Wolf Trap National Park Service for the Performing Arts
Boy Scout Troop 55 (Great Falls)
Venture Crews 364 (Great Falls) & 1018 (Herndon)
Girl Scout Troops
Friends of Wolf Trap 501(c)(3)
Potomac Appalachian Trail Club 501(c)(3)

Representative Past Participant Schools & Organizations

Braddock Elementary School	Laurel Learning Center
Bucknell Elementary School	Lees Corner Elementary School
Colvin Run Elementary School	Louise Archer Elementary School
Cameron Elementary School	Neabsco Elementary School
Cornerstones, Reston, Virginia	Oak Hill Elementary School
Forest Edge Elementary School	Oakton Elementary School
Forestville Elementary School	Poe Middle School
Great Falls Elementary School	Rolling Valley Elementary School
Harvester Elementary School	Spring Hill Elementary School
Haycock Elementary School	St. John Academy
Horizon Elementary School	Vienna Elementary School
Hunter Woods Elementary School	Waples Mill Elementary School
Lake Anne Elementary School	Wolf Trap Elementary School

Pertinent Link on their camp out experience:

<http://www.fowt.info> (info and prior campout photos)

<http://www.bsa55.com> (Boy Scout Troop 55, Great Falls, Virginia)

<https://www.nps.gov/wotr/index.htm> (Wolf Trap National Park for the Performing Arts)

Past campout Articles:

<http://friendsofwolftrap.org/2014/11/10/wolf-trap-holds-campout-for-area-students/>

<http://friendsofwolftrap.org/2014/11/25/camping-at-wolf-trap-area-youth-experience-camping-and-the-outdoors-at-the-national-park/>

<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/news/2014/oct/22/camping-wolf-trap/>

First Time Campers Program Permission Slip

The First Time Campers Program is conducting a program for a new and exciting adventure for first time and novice campers. This unique experience will be held at the Wolf Trap National Park under an exclusive special camping permit and will feature educational programs on camping and highlights of some of the Wolf Trap National Park experience. Space is limited for this special opportunity.

Type of Outing: Wolf Trap First Time & Novice Campers Overnight Program

Location: Wolf Trap National Park, 1551 Wolf Trap Road, Vienna, Virginia 22182

Pre-Registration: Please pre-register online to hold your place for the event at:

<https://fall2018-ftcp-campers.bpt.me>

Please submit permission slip, photo release form, school medical form and payment to:

First Time Camper Registration: 1551 Wolf Trap Road, Vienna, Virginia 22182 or to FirstTimeCampers@gmail.com in advance.

Fee: \$40 | PayPal option is available on the www.fowt.info website.

Point of Contact: Gary Pan | Camp Director | FirstTimeCampers@gmail.com

Special Notes: Youth should bring pillows, sleeping bags if available, and toothbrush. Tents & sleeping pads will be provided, loaner sleeping bags are available. Camperships are available based upon application. Contact FirstTimeCampers@gmail.com for more details.

Arrive: 8am. Sunday 10/7/18 **Depart:** 4pm. Monday 10/8/18 **Location:** Filene Center

This is to certify that (participant's name) _____
has my permission to attend the outing below. In the event of illness or accident during the
outing, I request that measures be taken without delay, as the judgment of medical personnel
dictates.

Parent or legal guardian sign

Date

School Name: _____ **Entering:** 5th Grade ___ 6th Grade ___

Medical Information: Policy Holder's Name: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____ **Policy Number:** _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone number(s): _____

Email Address for Confirmation: _____

Does participant have any conditions that require special attention or does s/he require any medications?

NO _____ YES _____ If yes, please explain in detail on the back side of this section.