



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION GUIDE

2018

WHAT IS S.O.L.E. CAMP?

The *Sustainable Outdoor Leadership Education* – S.O.L.E. Camp is a nature based, outdoor adventure day camp that strives to empower youth to be comfortable exploring nature while fostering a sense of place by encouraging curiosity, observation and respect of our natural world. Activities include wildlife tracking & identification, habitat, watershed & wetlands exploration, hiking, gardening, fishing, science experiments, outdoor survival skills, and much, much more! Campers will learn skills to become naturalist and stewards of our natural world. S.O.L.E. Camp is operated by the Winooski Valley Park District and based at the Ethan Allen Homestead in Burlington, Vermont.

WHO IS THE WINOOSKI VALLEY PARK DISTRICT?

The Winooski Valley Park District (WVPD) is a non-profit and incorporated Vermont municipality, whose mission is to plan, acquire, and manage lands and waters within the boundaries of its member municipalities in the Winooski River Valley for purposes of conservation, preservation of natural areas, establishment of parks, and resource-based education and recreation. Seven member towns support the WVPD through annual allocations, supplemented by grants and fee-based programs and facility rentals. All monies received by the WVPD remain part of the overall operating budget, supporting the management of over 1,700 acres of conservation lands in 18 parks throughout its member towns. The WVPD member towns are: Burlington, Colchester, Essex, Jericho, South Burlington, Williston and Winooski. For more information on the WVPD visit www.wvpd.org.

WHO CAN GO TO S.O.L.E. CAMP?

S.O.L.E. Camp is open to all children in grades 1st – 7th or ages 6 – 12 years old. Campers must be 6 years old at the time of the camp session they are attending and have completed kindergarten or equivalent. There are separate week sessions for camper's ages 6 – 9 years old and ages 9 – 12 years old. The sessions for older campers will include field trips to other WVPD Parks and partner organizations with transportation included. S.O.L.E. Camp is open to campers who reside in and out of the WVPD member towns. It is the goal of the WVPD to accommodate as many families as possible; especially those that would have difficulty paying full camp fees.

WHAT IS THE COST OF S.O.L.E. CAMP?

Each week long session for campers:

- Ages 6 – 9 years old = \$225/camper
- Ages 9 – 12 year old = \$345/camper (designated weeks for campers 9 – 12 years old)

The WVPD offers a sibling discount for families wishing to send more than one camper to S.O.L.E. Camp at 10% off additional campers from the same household after first. Siblings do not have to attend the same week of camp.

HOW DO I REGISTER?

Please contact S.O.L.E. Camp & Programs Director, Lauren Chicote, at info@wvpd.org or (802) 863-5744 to request a registration form. Registration forms can also be found online at www.wvpd.org/solecamp. **If you are seeking a scholarship please complete the accompanying scholarship application.**

HOW CAN I GET ASSISTANCE TO PAY THE CAMP FEES?

Please complete the accompanying scholarship application and return to the Camp Director (see mailing instructions on next page). Each scholarship request will be handled individually, with final determinations made by the WVPD Executive Director based on staff recommendations. Scholarships are awarded on a discretionary basis based on need for up to 50% of the program cost. Should funding be available, scholarships beyond the 50% threshold may be granted on a case-by-case basis.

Please complete the accompanying scholarship application and return to S.O.L.E. Camp & Programs Director, Lauren Chicote, at info@wvvpd.org or mail to:

Winooski Valley Park District
Attn: S.O.L.E. Camp
1 Ethan Allen Homestead
Burlington, VT 05408

For Informational Purposes Only – Please review the below chart and information to perform a self-evaluation of your ability to pay for S.O.L.E. Camp.

One method of establishing eligibility for scholarships is utilizing federal poverty levels. Please refer to the below chart: scholarships are generally available to households with incomes that are at or below the 200% poverty level.

The 2018 Poverty Guidelines for the 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines	
Persons in family	Monthly Income
1	\$2,024
2	\$2,744
3	\$3,464
4	\$4,184
5	\$4,904
6	\$5,624
7	\$6,344
8	\$7,064
For families with more than 8 persons, add \$720 for each additional person.	



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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Please fill out the below application to apply for a scholarship for the Winooski Valley Park District S.O.L.E. Camp. Scholarships are awarded on a discretionary basis based on need for up to 50% of the program cost. Should funding be available, scholarships beyond the 50% threshold may be granted.

Parent/Guardian Information:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Camper(s) Information:

Name: _____

Age/Grade: _____

Name: _____

Age/Grade: _____

Name: _____

Age/Grade: _____

Please mark which camp session(s) you are applying for:

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| 1. ___ June 18 – 22 | 5. ___ July 30 – Aug 3 |
| 2. ___ June 25 – 29 | 6. ___ August 6 – 10 |
| 3. ___ July 2 – 6 | 7. ___ August 13 – 17 (Campers ages 9 – 12 years old only) |
| 4. ___ July 9 – 13 (Campers ages 9 – 12 years old only) | 8. ___ August 20 – 24 |

Each week long session for campers:

- Session 1-3, 5, 6, & 8 (ages 6 – 9 years old) = \$225/camper
- Sessions 4 & 7 (ages 9 – 12 year old) = \$345/camper

The WVPD offers a sibling discount of 10% off additional campers from the same household after first.

Please indicate the scholarship amount being requested. If requesting scholarships for multiple campers, please indicate amount being requested for each camper.
