

# Digital Nature Photography Day Camp

July 7 – 12, 2008

Conducted at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV  
Sponsored by the Potomac Valley Audubon Society and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

## **Registration Form** *(One form per child, please.)*

### Applicant Eligibility Requirements:

- *Must be entering grades 9, 10, 11, or 12 in the fall of 2008 (or be of equivalent age)*
- *Resident of Berkeley, Jefferson, or Morgan County (WV) or Washington County (MD)*
- *Have a sincere interest (but not necessarily any experience) in nature photography.*

Camper's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Camper's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent/legal guardian (if applicant is under age 18): \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tuition for the one week day camp is \$100. Please complete and return all forms in this registration package, along with a check made payable to the Potomac Valley Audubon Society, to the address found at the bottom of this page.

Each camp participant will be provided with a digital camera and other required equipment for their use during the camp. Participants are asked not to bring their own equipment.

Please provide the names of those adults who have permission to pick up your child at the end of the day:  
(Anyone picking up your child should be prepared to show a photo ID.)

For our future information, how did you hear about this camp?

For further information, please contact Program Coordinator Matt Poole at (304) 876-7962 or email: matt\_poole@fws.gov

### **Please return all completed forms to:**

***Matt Poole, National Conservation Training Center, 698 Conservation Way,  
Shepherdstown, West Virginia, 25443, Attn: Nature Photography Camp***

# Applicant Information Sheet

## Digital Nature Photography Day Camp – 2008

Dear Applicant: Please respond to the following questions and include this sheet in your completed camp application package. This information will help us to better prepare for the day camp session this summer.

Please describe your experience using a digital camera:

If you currently own (or use) a digital camera, what type of camera is it (“point and shoot” or digital single lens reflex (which has interchangeable lenses))?

Please explain why you want to participate in a week-long course that focuses on digital nature photography.

# Photograph and Video Copyright Release

## Digital Nature Photography Day Camp

I hereby grant permission to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Potomac Valley Audubon Society (hereafter “the partners”) to make visual and/or audio recordings and still images of \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of son/daughter/minor*). I also grant permission to the partners to use his/her photographic, video graphic, and/or audio image and/or likeness in any of the partners’ official publications, displays, on the Internet and their World Wide Web sites without any consideration. These images are for public domain use unless specific restrictions are noted below. I also understand that a computer user can download the images, photographs, video recordings and/or audio recordings. The image will be credited to the person who created the image or recording and/or to the organization to which they are employed or otherwise officially affiliated with.

Therefore, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless from any claims the following:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior
- Potomac Valley Audubon Society
- All employees, official volunteers, or agents of all of the three organizations identified above

**I agree to the above full copyright release.**

Name of Parent or Guardian (*please print*): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Information**  
(One form per camper, please.)

Camper's Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year Born: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade next fall: \_\_\_\_\_

Will your camper bring medication to camp?      Yes      No

Does your child have any physical or emotional conditions of which our staff should be aware?  
(Such as asthma, poison ivy, bee sting allergies, ADD/ADHD.) If so, please explain below:

In the event of minor illness, may we give your camper the following? (Please circle one)

Tylenol Regular Strength      Yes      No

Benadryl (for bee stings)      Yes      No

Parent/Guardian Information:

Parent/Guardian Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Information:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's phone during camp hours (8:00 AM to 4:30 PM): \_\_\_\_\_

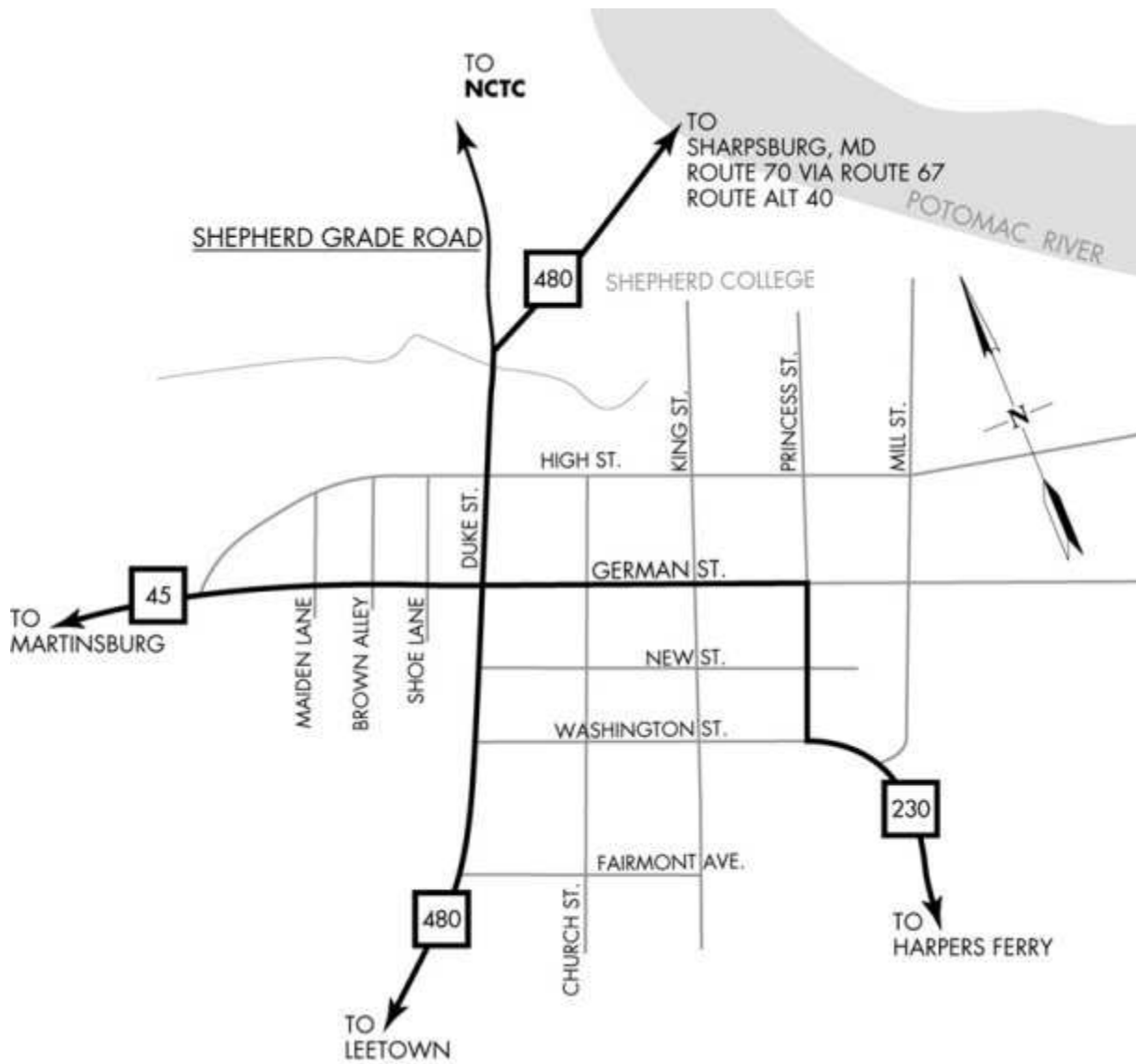
Family physician information:

Physician name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of camper's last tetanus booster: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mail completed application and health form to:**  
**Matt Poole, National Conservation Training Center, 698 Conservation Way,**  
**Shepherdstown, West Virginia, 25443, Attn: Nature Photo Camp**



**Participant Waiver**  
Digital Nature Photography Day Camp  
Potomac Valley Audubon Society

In consideration of my application and permitting me to participate in this event, I hereby take action for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf: (1) Waive, release and discharge from any and all liability for my death, disability, personal injury, property damage, property theft or actions of any kind which might hereafter accrue to me including my traveling to and from this event, THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES OR PERSONS: event coordinator; event director; event committee; Potomac Valley Audubon Society; The Nature Conservancy of West Virginia; the United States Government, including but not limited to the Department of Interior, the Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Conservation Training Center; Jefferson County, WV; volunteers; event sponsors; their directors, officers, employees; volunteer's representatives, and agents, and the event holders; (2) Indemnify and Hold Harmless the entities or person mentioned in this paragraph from any and all liability or claims made as a result of participation in this event, whether caused by the negligence of releasees or otherwise.

NAME OF CAMP PARTICIPANT: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF SIGNATORY (if different from participant): \_\_\_\_\_

(PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S SIGNATURE IF PARTICIPANT UNDER 18 YEARS)

# Digital Nature Photography Day Camp Agenda Summer, 2008

Monday July 7	Tuesday July 8	Wednesday July 9	Thursday July 10	Friday July 11	Saturday July 12
<p><u>Classroom:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Equipment essentials</li> <li>o Camera controls</li> <li>o Exposure basics</li> </ul> <p><u>Field Practice:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Landscapes</li> <li>o NCTC's diverse habitat types</li> <li>o Potomac River shoreline</li> </ul> <p><u>Computer Lab:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o How to download and save images</li> <li>o Basics of image editing</li> </ul> <p><u>More Field Practice</u></p>	<p><u>Classroom:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Basics of composition</li> <li>o Lighting techniques</li> </ul> <p><u>Field Practice:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Wildlife photography principles</li> <li>o <b>LIVE RAPTOR SHOOT</b> (birds brought to NCTC from Cunningham Falls State Park)</li> </ul> <p><u>Computer Lab:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Continue to practice image editing</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Photo Safari to Patuxent Research Refuge in Laurel, Maryland</b></p> <p><u>Themes:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Purpose of national wildlife refuges</li> <li>o Photographing wildlife</li> <li>o Lunch with refuge staff</li> </ul> <p><u>Photo Opportunities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Butterflies</li> <li>o Dragonflies</li> <li>o Diving duck research (and/or kestrels)</li> <li>o Habitat management (impoundments, bird boxes, etc.)</li> </ul> <p style="color: red; text-align: center;"><b>Campers need to be at NCTC no later than 7:00 AM, with bag lunch. Meet in front of Main Entry Bldg.</b></p>	<p><u>Early Light Field Practice</u></p> <p><u>Classroom:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o macro- photography techniques</li> </ul> <p><u>Field Practice:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Butterfly garden</li> <li>o Wildflowers</li> <li>o Mushrooms</li> <li>o Dragonflies</li> <li>o Patterns &amp; textures in nature</li> </ul> <p><u>Computer Lab:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Photo essay principles: "telling nature stories with pictures"</li> <li>o Making a slide show with Photoshop Elements</li> </ul>	<p><u>Early Light Field Practice</u></p> <p><u>Computer Lab:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Outputting images to a printer</li> <li>o Matting and framing fine art prints for exhibition</li> <li>o Image editing practice</li> </ul> <p><u>Camp Culmination</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Group slide program</li> <li>o <i>Talking Feather</i> (camper testimonials)</li> </ul> <p><u>Celebration!</u></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Optional Field Trip to Brookside Gardens and Butterfly Pavillion in Wheaton, Maryland</b></p>

Other activities that may occur during the week:

- o After hours sunrise photo shoot at Antietam National Battlefield (optional, very early morning, subject to weather forecast)

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