

Digital Nature Photography Day Camp

July 6 – 10, 2009

Conducted at the National Conservation Training Center, Shepherdstown, WV
Sponsored by the Potomac Valley Audubon Society and the U.S. Fish & 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 2009 (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 five day camp is \$115. 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 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 (without the prior approval of the Camp Director).

Please provide the names of those adults who will have permission to pick up your child at the end of the day:

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

For further information, please contact Camp Director 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, Attention: Nature Photo Camp***

Applicant Information Sheet

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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.

Medical Information
(One form per camper, please.)

Camper's Last Name: _____ First Name: _____

Year Born: _____ Gender: _____ Grade attending 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

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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)

Photograph and Video Copyright Release

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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.

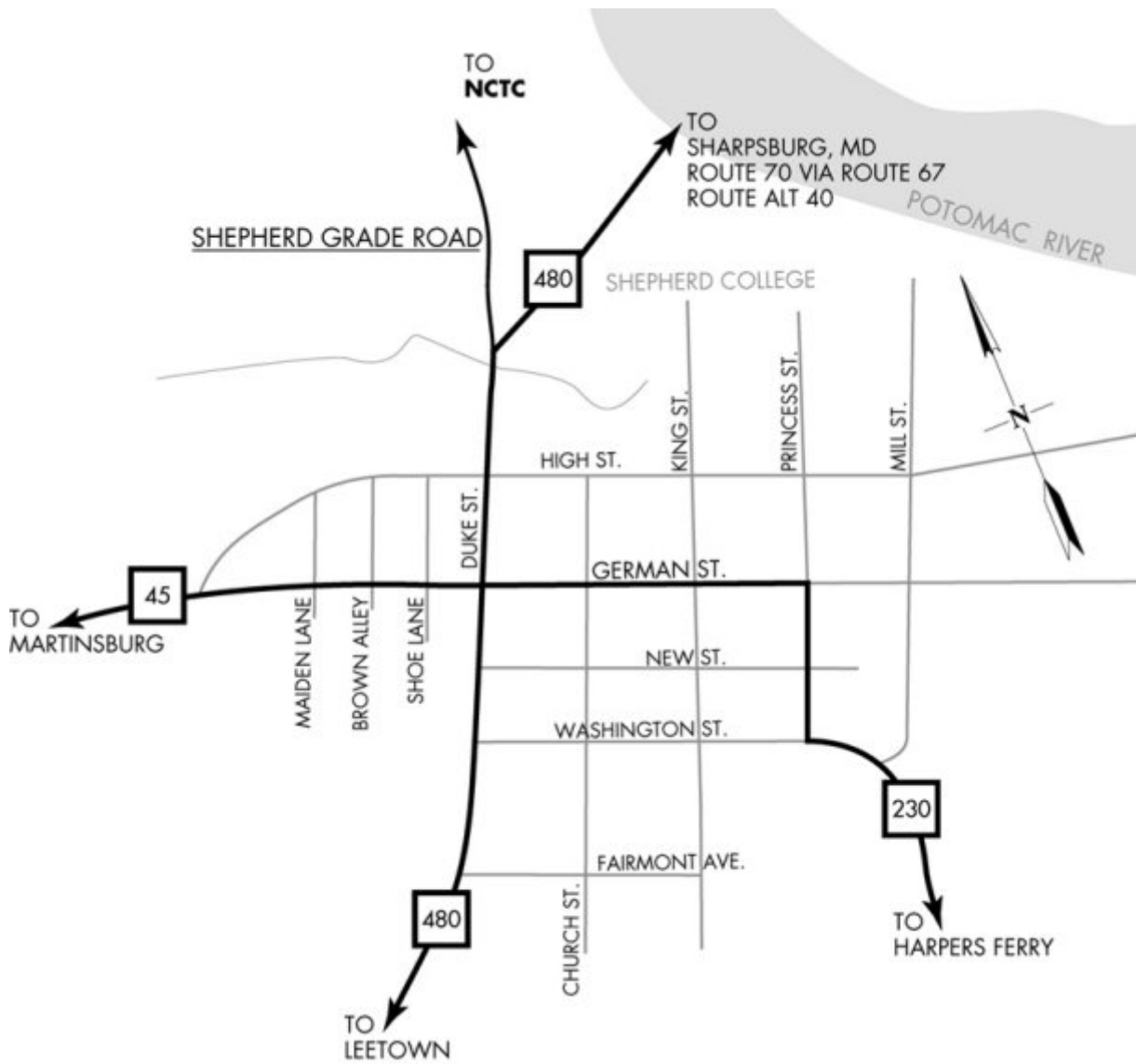
Therefore, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless from any claims the following:

- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of the Interior;
- Potomac Valley Audubon Society; and
- 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: _____



Digital Nature Photography Day Camp Agenda Summer, 2009

| Monday July 6 | Tuesday July 7 | Wednesday July 8 | Thursday July 9 | Friday July 10 |
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| <p><u>Classroom:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Equipment essentials o Camera controls o Exposure basics <p><u>Field Practice:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Landscapes o Diverse habits of NCTC o Potomac River shoreline <p><u>Computer Lab:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o How to download and save images o Basics of image editing <p><u>More Field Practice</u></p> | <p><u>Classroom:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Basics of composition o Lighting techniques <p><u>Field Practice:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Wildlife photography principles <p><u>Computer Lab:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Continue to practice image editing <p>Photo safari to Trego Mountain Sanctuary in Keedysville, MD. In case of inclement weather, the alternate date will be Thursday.</p> | <p>Photo Safari to Brookside Gardens & Butterfly Pavilion in Laurel, MD</p> <p><u>Photo Opportunities:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Butterflies o Flowers, flowers & more flowers! o Pond lilies <p>Campers need to be at NCTC no later than 7:15 AM, with bag lunch. Meet in front of Main Entry Bldg.</p> | <p><u>Early Light Field Practice</u></p> <p><u>Classroom:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Close-up photography techniques <p><u>Field Practice:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Butterfly garden o Wildflowers o Mushrooms o Dragonflies o Patterns & textures in nature <p><u>Computer Lab:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Photo essay principles: "telling nature stories with pictures" | <p><u>Early Light Field Practice</u></p> <p><u>Computer Lab:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Image editing practice <p><u>Camp Culmination</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Group slide program o <i>Talking Feather</i> (camper testimonials) <p><u>Celebration!</u></p> |

Other activities that may occur during the week:

- o Sunrise photo shoot at Antietam National Battlefield
- o Impromptu, local photo safari's to Antietam, Shepherdstown boat launch (on the Potomac)

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