

Are you a student and love the outdoors? Assemblyman Hawley is encouraging students who have an interest in environmental conservation to submit an essay of 300 to 500 words explaining why the environment is important to you.

Assemblyman Hawley will then choose one student between the ages of 12 and 17 to attend one of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Summer Environmental Education camps at no cost.

Summer Environmental Education Camps

- Explore the environment!
- Learn about the natural world!
- Enjoy New York's wonderful natural resources!
- Participate in fun activities to build new skills and make new friends!

Weeklong camps are held during July and August at four sites:

- ★... Colby, near the Village of Saranac Lake in Franklin County
- ★... DeBruce, in the southern Catskills near the Village of Livingston Manor in Sullivan County
- ★... Rushford, in the Genesee River Valley in Allegany County
- ★... Pack Forest, north of Warrensburg in the southern Adirondacks

Camp applications should accompany essay submissions and can be obtained at the Department of Environmental Conservation's website at www.dec.state.ny.us (keyword: summer camps). Application materials are due by May 1, 2008 to Assemblyman Hawley's district office at 121 North Main St., Albion, NY 14411 For more information, please contact Assemblyman Hawley at (585) 589-5780 or hawleys@assembly.state.ny.us