



Ecology Village Camping Program

Ecology Village is a two-day tent camping experience at Gateway's Floyd Bennett Field in Brooklyn, New York. While at Ecology Village, campers will become more aware of the natural environment. They will learn about composting, recycling and explore the natural and cultural resources of Floyd Bennett Field.

The program is an outdoor experience stressing the importance of environmental awareness and group cooperation. Through ranger-led activities, children will discover the joys of camping and the great outdoors. Gateway NRA will provide tents, cooking equipment and resource specialists to support the program.

The program is open to youngsters between the ages of **eight** and **fourteen** who are in a non-profit organized group that can provide adult leadership. **There is a \$50.00 processing cost for the camping permit. All checks are to be made payable to the National Park Service. The processing cost is non-refundable.**

New youth group leaders must attend a 30-hour. Leadership training is July 06-08, 2012.

July 06, 9:30 am-4:00 pm.

July 07, 12:00pm to 12:00pm on July 08, 2012.

This will be the only opportunity for new leaders to receive training.

Returning counselors must attend one of the camping refreshers on June 29, 2012 and July 02, 2012 5:00pm – 7:00pm, located at Ecology Village, Bldg. 70.

Criteria for Participation

1. Groups must provide adult leaders who will assume responsibility for conducting the program.

2. Ecology Village summer program is for non-profit groups.

3. Groups must provide leaders who will attend a 30-hour training session. The 30-hour workshop is for new counselors only, who will be accompanying youths. Returning counselors must attend a refresher workshop.



Camping dates this year are available Tuesday thru Thursday, only **starting Tuesday July, 10, 2012 through Thursday, August 30, 2012. Only one group per day will be scheduled.** Please indicate your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choices for camping on the camping reservation form. **Reservations will not be accepted over the phone or fax. Allow 1 week for processing. Your application should be received no later than Friday June 22, 2012.**

4. **A non-refundable \$50.00 application processing cost is charged for the group camping permit.** The processing cost must accompany the camping application. This can be in the form of a check or money order made payable to the National Park Service. Applications will not be processed without payment.

5. Groups must provide additional adult leadership so that there is one adult for every ten children.

6. Groups must provide transportation to and from the program. **One vehicle must remain with the group overnight.**

7. Groups that meet the above criteria should complete the permit application and return to:

**Gateway National Recreation Area
Floyd Bennett Field
Ecology Village Ranger Staff, Bldg.69
Brooklyn, New York 11234
For further information, phone (718) 338-4306.**

