

TEACHER SUMMER WORKSHOPS IN ECOLOGY AND ORNITHOLOGY

*** SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE! ***

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The Columbia Audubon Society is accepting applications from mid-Missouri teachers to attend a week long summer ecology or ornithology workshop at the National Audubon Society Camp on Hog Island in Maine. Each award covers tuition, room, and board for an intensive multi-day course of field study and instruction in ornithology, ecology, and conservation. We ask that Scholarship winners be willing to give a short presentation of their Hog Audubon experience to the CAS membership in the fall of 2016.

The value of each scholarship is approximately \$1000. Travel expenses are the responsibility of the recipient. (Columbia Public Schools applicant may qualify for a travel reimbursement of \$300 if he/she offers a fall workshop. In-service credit is also provided for CPS teachers.)

Workshop selections and dates are listed on *Scholarship Choices* sheet.

APPLICATION PROCESS AND REQUIREMENTS

1. Scholarship recipient must be a teacher in Audrain, Boone, Cooper, Howard, Monroe, or Randolph counties. The program is open to teachers who intend to make nature education a part of their curriculum.
2. Complete COVER SHEET.
3. Provide a written **statement** (maximum of 2 pages) describing how the workshop experience will be used to develop in young people an appreciation of wildlife and a sense of responsibility for the care and quality of our natural resources and environment. Please include information about how you include "nature studies" in your current curriculum. Explain how you can integrate other academic subjects into a nature science lesson. In your statement please indicate which workshop you wish to attend; we will try to accommodate your choice. *Refer to Scholarship Choices sheet.*
4. Two letters of recommendation from individuals who know of the candidate's interests, activities, abilities, and potential are required. One of the letters should be from a supervisor or someone in a similar position relative to the applicant. It is very helpful if the letters of recommendation cite specific, relevant activities, accomplishments, or projects in which the applicant was involved, in addition to personal qualifications.
5. Applications must be submitted by October 30, 2015. Submissions via electronic mail are acceptable. **Letters of recommendation must be sent by the recommender *directly* to the scholarship committee chair.**
6. Please submit applications and questions to Scholarship Committee Chair:
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COVER SHEET

National Audubon Summer Program

Hog Island, Maine

Name: _____

Where do you teach? _____

What grade level and/or subject do you teach? _____

How long have you been a teacher? _____

Membership in professional organizations:

1. _____ Office held: _____

2. _____ Office held: _____

3. _____ Office held: _____

Teaching honors, awards, or grants received:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Membership in nature-oriented organizations (Master Naturalist, Native Plant Society, Master Gardner, Audubon Society, Other):

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

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2016 TEACHER SCHOLARSHIP WORKSHOP CHOICES

For more information about these workshops, please refer to the Audubon Website:

<http://hogisland.audubon.org/hog-island-programs>

2016 Hog Island Program Descriptions and Directors

1. **Maine Seabird Biology and Conservation** (I - Spring) - An overview of topics concerning seabird biology and applied conservation with opportunities for hands-on service for seabirds. **Program Director:** Steve Kress
2. **Breaking into Birding** - An introduction to birding for those with a beginning interest in bird identification. **Program Director:** Chris Lewey
3. **Joy of Birding** - For those with birding basics, looking to learn, experience, and appreciate more about bird song and behavior. **Program Directors:** Chris Lewey and John Pumilio
4. **Field Ornithology** - For more experienced bird enthusiasts who are eager to learn about topics in ornithology such as taxonomy, evolution, and migration. **Program Director:** Scott Weidensaul
5. **Hands-on Bird Science** - For those interested in learning methods for bird study including banding, telemetry, census methods, and GIS mapping. **Program Director:** Scott Weidensaul
6. **Arts and Birding** - For those with an interest in advancing their skills in bird photography, sketching, and journaling. **Program Director:** Jean Mackay
7. **Raptor Rapture** - Watch the famed Hog Island ospreys up close, try your hand at raptor photography, hone your identification skills, and learn more about the critical role of birds of prey in the environment. **Program Director:** Rob Bierregaard
8. **Sharing Nature: An Educator's Week** - Learn inspiring and practical environmental activities to incorporate into your teaching while exploring coastal habitats with expert naturalists. **Program Director:** Pete Salmansohn