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**Summer Youth Conservation Camp scholarships
offered by Vilas Land & Water Committee**

The 25th Annual Land & Water Youth Conservation Camp will be held on June 10-13, 2003 at Trails End Youth Camp located in Bruce, Wisconsin in Rusk County. The camp is open to all youth entering grades 9-11 next fall who are interested in natural resource conservation and management.

"Camp programs offer students a wide variety of exciting activities and important information on wildlife, soils, erosion control, ecosystems, water quality, aquatic habitats, orienteering, and canoeing" says Patrick Goggin, County Conservationist. "Students gain hands-on experience at camp doing field work and finding ways that they can use their talents to help protect and enhance natural resources", Goggin said. Youth conservation camp also offers students a unique opportunity to meet friends from around the state while enjoying the Northwoods through hiking, swimming and canoeing.

The Vilas County Land and Water Conservation Committee is sponsoring two full scholarships for interested Vilas County students to attend the camp. Scholarships cover registration, meals, and lodging for four days. Transportation to / from camp is required by parents or guardians.

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"For those interested in applying for the scholarships you only need to do two things: 1) fill out a *Camper Information and Registration Form* available from the Land and Water Conservation Department; and 2) write a short, 150-250 word essay on why the student feels conservation is important and how the camp will help them grow as a student" stated Goggin.

For more information, or to apply for a scholarship, contact the Vilas County Land and Water Conservation Department located in the County Courthouse at 300 Court Street, Eagle River, Wisconsin, 54521 or call (715)-479-3648. The deadline for applications is May 9, 2003. (715)-479-3648.

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