Safety and Health Information
Does your camper have any medical conditions, allergies or special needs? If yes, please explain.

Does your camper have any behavioral or emotional issues? If yes, please explain.

Is your camper taking any medications to treat these conditions? If yes, please explain.

NOTE: Thomas Nelson camp staff is not qualified to dispense or store camper medications, and there is no medical staff on campus.

PART II:
Each student applicant must submit a 400 – 500 word essay on why they want to attend the Thomas Nelson Summer Science Camp. This should be submitted as part of the application packet with the camper’s name and school at the top.

PART III:
Teacher Recommendation for Thomas Nelson Summer Science Camp
(Letter of recommendation from a science or math teacher is required.)

Student’s Name ____________________________

Dear Middle School Teacher,
To help insure that the Thomas Nelson Summer Science Camp experience will be both effective and enjoyable for all students, we ask that each camper choose a science or math teacher to recommend him/her. Please write a short statement about the qualities that make this student a good candidate for participation in our camp and how you feel that this experience will benefit the student. When completed, please return your statement to the student in a sealed envelope signed across the back to be included with his/her application packet. We are especially interested in the student’s interest and attitude towards science and learning.

If you have any questions, please email the Camp Coordinator Lucinda Spryn at sprynl@tncc.edu.

Teacher’s Name: ________________________________
Teacher’s Email: ____________________________ Subject Area: ________________
School Name: ____________________________ City: ________________

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2018
Middle school students can unlock their curiosity as they explore issues related to the Chesapeake Bay during the Thomas Nelson Summer Science Camp. The exciting curriculum is filled with hands-on science experiments conducted in our college labs led by our science faculty. Investigation of Bay topics relating to biology, chemistry, geology and physics will be included in the four day camp. Don’t miss this exciting educational opportunity to unlock the scientist in you!

**TIME AND PLACE:**
Monday, July 23 - Thursday, July 26
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Hampton Campus

Campers will participate in two science labs each day and enjoy featured speakers and group activities. Light continental breakfast and snacks will be provided each day.

**HOW TO APPLY:**
Thomas Nelson’s Summer Science Camp is open to middle school students in Hampton, Newport News, York and James City County. To apply, submit the completed application, student essay and teacher recommendation to:
Thomas Nelson SET Division
ATTN: Lucinda Spyn, Summer Science Camp
99 Thomas Nelson Drive
Hampton, VA 23666.

Applications must be postmarked by Friday, May 26, 2018. Thomas Nelson Science Faculty will choose 48 applicants to participate in the summer camp. Campers will be notified by June 15, 2018.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT**
SUMMER SCIENCE CAMPCHAIR:
Lucinda Spyn (sprynla@tncc.edu)

**THOMAS NELSON PROPOSED SCIENCE LABS FOR SUMMER 2018 CAMP**
- Acid Rain and Bay Plants – Learn how acid rain is formed and then explore its effect on the plant life found in the Bay
- What’s in the Water? – Conduct experiments testing water to analyze colligative properties, solubility, electrolytes, and ions such as phosphates, nitrates and sulfates.
- Monitoring Water Quality - What type of microorganisms inhabit the water of the Bay? Campers will use dissecting microscopes to analyze microbes found in water samples and use these results to assess and understand water quality and its consequences.
- Drones and Bay Observations – Hands on labs will allow campers to fly an actual drone and learn how they are used by scientists to monitor many aspects of Bay life.
- Anatomy of a Bay Creature – Using proper dissection technique, various forms of bay life will be compared and contrasted at an anatomical level.
- Forces of Nature Affecting the Bay – Through experimental simulations, the forces of nature which affect the geology of the Bay will be explored.
- Using Underwater Robots to Explore the Bay – The campers will construct their own underwater robot and learn how they are used by scientists for research beneath the surface of the Bay.
- Who Inhabits the Bay? – From crabs, oysters, mussels, and minnows, to salt marsh grasses and bottom dwellers, life in and around the Bay is diverse. Touch and learn about the animals and plants that call the Bay home and why each is important to its continued health.

**ADDITIONAL CAMP OPPORTUNITIES ARE AVAILABLE AT THOMAS NELSON. ACCESS INFORMATION AND EXPLORE OTHER HANDS-ON SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY CAMPS BY VISITING:**
tncc.edu/summer-camps

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**Camper Information**

Name ____________________________  Middle School ____________________________  City ____________
Grade Sept 2018 _______ Sex: M____ F_____ Email ____________________________
Address __________________________________________ City ____________ State ________ Zip ____________
Home Phone# __________________________ Date of Birth ____________ Age when attending camp ________
T-SHIRT SIZE  Youth Size : ______ Adult Size : ___Small ___Medium ___Large ___XLarge
Preferred Name on Camper Badge __________________________________________

**Parent or Guardian Information**

Parent/Guardian Name __________________________ Relationship to Camper ________________
Day Phone# __________________________ Cell Phone# ____________ Email __________________________
Other Emergency Contact __________________________ Relationship to Camper ________________
Day Phone# __________________________ Cell Phone# ____________ Email __________________________

**Photo / Media Release**

I grant permission to Thomas Nelson Community College to use photographs of my child for promotional purposes, including all marketing and communication materials designed by the college.
Signed X __________________________ Date __________________________
(Participant parent or legal guardian)

**Participant Release and Hold Harmless Agreement**

While at the Thomas Nelson Summer Science Camp, participants may be involved in various hands-on laboratory activities that might require the use of a variety of equipment and chemicals. All activities require the complete attention and responsibility of the participant (Name ___________________________), either individually or as part of a group. Many of these activities involve possible risks including injury or property damage. By signing below, on behalf of the above named participant, I agree to waive, release and discharge any and all claims for damages that may happen as a result of camp participation. In the case of any emergency, the camp staff has my permission to transport the camper to the closest hospital for emergency treatment.
Signed X __________________________ Date __________________________
(Participant parent or legal guardian)