

## Zepko Audubon Camp Scholarship 2018

The Connecticut Ornithological Association (COA) is pleased to announce that through the great generosity of one of our founding members, George W. Zepko, we now are offering one Zepko Audubon Camp Scholarship in 2018 to nurture interest in bird study and conservation among young birders. When George was a teenager, he received a scholarship to the Audubon Camp of Maine (now known as the Hog Island Audubon Camp), which started his life-long interest in birds and natural history. He has made it possible for COA to offer a similar opportunity to new generations of birders and naturalists.

The 2018 scholarship will cover the full cost (\$1,395.00) of the Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens program at National Audubon's Hog Island camp during the week of June 17-22, 2018. The cost includes housing, boat travel, and all meals. The scholarship recipient will be responsible for the cost of transportation to and from the camp.

Applicants must be a Connecticut resident, ages 14-17, and must submit a written application and two letters of reference. Preference will be given to applicants with individual or family COA membership. To be considered a member, an applicant may join the club at the time of application.

Completed applications and references must be received by the COA by January 31, 2018.

### Connecticut Ornithological Association

**National Audubon's Hog Island**

**Coastal Maine Bird Studies for Teens**

**June 17-22, 2018**

Application Form and References Due by January 31, 2018

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Your Information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Age as of June 1, 2018 \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: male \_\_\_\_\_ female \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a COA member? (can be individual or family) \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) of Parent or Legal Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Address(es) of Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s), if different from yours: \_\_\_\_\_

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School name \_\_\_\_\_ City and State \_\_\_\_\_

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Which features of the Hog Island program most appeal to you? How would this program benefit you?

What have you done that you are most proud of, and why? (This need not be bird-related)

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**PERSONAL STATEMENT:**

Write and attach a personal statement, no longer than 2 pages, telling us about the importance of birds in your life, your experiences as a birder (e.g. Christmas Bird Counts, projects, travel, independent birding), and the birding-related activities you most enjoy (e.g. drawing, photography, listing, teaching).

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**LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Your application must be accompanied by two letters of recommendation from adults who know your commitment to birding (e.g. teacher, mentor, nature center director). The letters may be included with your application or sent under separate cover.

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**We prefer that completed applications and letters of recommendation be sent by Email to Tina Green at [petermgreen@hotmail.com](mailto:petermgreen@hotmail.com) or Maureen Wolter at [mwolter22@yahoo.com](mailto:mwolter22@yahoo.com) . Applications and letters of recommendation may also be mailed to Tina Green, 188 Imperial Ave., Westport, CT 06880.**

**All components of the application must be received by January 31, 2018.**

**The announcement of the scholarship award will be made by February 15, 2018.**

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By signing this application, I represent that I am a resident of Connecticut and will be between 14 and 17 years old on June 1, 2018. I understand that the Zepko Audubon Camp Scholarship will cover only the camp tuition/fees of \$1,395.00, and that the Zepko Audubon Camp Scholarship will be paid directly to National Audubon. I also understand that, if I am awarded a scholarship, I will, make my best efforts to share my experiences by either email or letter with the Connecticut Ornithological Association.

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Your signature and date

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Your parent's/guardian signature and date