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**Friends of Baxter State Park
Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program
August 4 – 12, 2012**

Friends of Baxter State Park invites current Maine high school sophomores and juniors to apply for a nine-day backpacking experience in Baxter State Park. A group of ten students and two guides explore the streams, mountains, lakes and forests of this 200,000+ acre wilderness preserve. The values of wilderness preservation are highlighted by sessions with specialists including an outdoor journalist, a naturalist, a geologist, a Penobscot cultural educator, an astronomer, a wilderness photographer, and a regional artist. There are no fees charged for this program. Friends of Baxter State Park receives funding for the program from Roxanne Quimby and an anonymous donor. Trip leadership and logistics are provided through a collaboration with the Chewonki Foundation (www.chewonki.org). More information about the program can be found at www.friendsofbaxter.org. To learn more about Baxter State Park, please visit www.baxterstateparkauthority.com.

Applications are due February 15, 2012

Checklist

- Application Cover Sheet
- Short answers
- Letter of Recommendation

Please mail or email application to:

Friends of Baxter State Park - MYWLP
P.O. Box 609
Union, ME 04862-0609
admin@friendsofbaxter.org

Name: _____ **Male** **Female** **Age:** _____ **DOB:** _____
First Last mm/dd/year

Home Address: _____
street city state zip code

Email _____ **Home Phone** _____ **Cell Phone** _____

High school name: _____ **Grade level February 2012:** Sophomore Junior

School Address: _____
street city state zip code

Parent 1 or Guardian: _____ **Name of workplace:** _____
First Last

Work Address: _____
street city state zip code

Home Address (if different from applicant's): _____
Work Address: _____
street city state zip code

Email _____ **Home Phone** _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Parent 2 _____ **Name of workplace:** _____
First Last

Work Address _____
street city state zip code

Home Address (if different from applicant's): _____
street city state zip code

Email _____ **Home Phone** _____ **Cell Phone** _____

Please answer each the following questions, limiting your response to 250 words per question. Use the space provided or attach additional pages.

1. Why are you interested in participating in the Maine Youth Wilderness Leadership Program?

2. What kinds of outdoor activities have you been involved in during the past two years? Describe.

3. Tell us about a time when you worked on a *group* project (in school, on a sports team, with a theater group, with an advisory group, with your outing club, in your neighborhood, etc.). How did you help? What did you learn about yourself?

4. Have you ever visited Baxter State Park? ___yes ___no ___not sure If you have been to Baxter State Park, tell us in one or two sentences about your experience:

5. Does your school have an Outing Club? ___yes ___no ___not sure

Contact Person: _____ Name of Club: _____

Letter of Recommendation: Please ask a teacher or mentor at your school to provide a letter of recommendation on the form provided. Complete the top part of the form, including the name of the teacher/mentor, before giving it to your teacher/mentor. The teacher/mentor should return the letter of recommendation to you in a sealed envelope to include with your application if you mail your application, or s/he can email or mail it directly to Friends of Baxter State Park.

Name and contact information for reference:

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone _____
