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WYOMING SENIORS ENCOURAGED TO APPLY FOR NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE CAMP

WDE sponsors scholarships for two Wyoming students

CHEYENNE - Prospective delegates from across the nation are submitting applications for the 51st Annual National Youth Science Camp (NYSC), scheduled in Charleston, WV, June 27-July 20.

Wyoming High School students interested in taking part in the NYSC can apply online at <http://apply.nysc.org> by March 1. The application process will include: A cover sheet, an application letter, a resume, a recent academic transcript, and a letter of support from a teacher or research mentor.

A review team at the Wyoming Department of Education (WDE) will review the applications by March 17 and announce the honorees later in April. The WDE annually sponsors scholarships for two Wyoming students to attend the camp. The scholarship covers the cost of airfare, meals, lodging as well as educational and recreational programming during the approximately one month of science camp.

“The reward is a tremendous 16-day trip,” said WDE Science Consultant Dr. Jim Verley. “Students will have classes with astronauts, premier mentor teachers and others in a beautiful location. Truly, truly a special opportunity for high school seniors to enjoy the summer after they graduate.”

Last year Lingga Adidharma of Laramie High School and Alan Hatlestad of Kelly Walsh High

School in Casper were awarded the NYSC scholarships.

NYSC is located in West Virginia near the National Radio Astronomy Observatory in Green Bank. The camp was established in 1963 and allows two delegates from each state to exchange ideas with leading scientists and professionals in academic and corporate settings. In addition to hands-on, research-based projects at the Charleston-based camp, delegates will also enjoy an overnight trip to the Monogahela National Forest as well as a visit to Washington, D.C.

Project topics for this year include fractal geometry, the human genome project, global climate change, the history of the universe, the fate of our rain forests, and robotics. Delegates also present seminars covering their own areas of research and interest.

The National Youth Science Camp is open to all students who are eligible for high school graduation between July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2014. Applicants must demonstrate a superior academic proficiency, including recognition in mathematics, and/or science, as well as demonstrating leadership skills and social maturity through involvement in school and community activities.

Those applying for the NYSC should also feature achievements outside of the realm of science and outside of the realm of academic pursuits, as well as demonstrating a curiosity and eagerness to explore varied topics.

For more information on the NYSC, contact Dr. Jim Verley at 307-777-5506 or jim.verley@wyo.gov. More information on the NYSC is available online at www.nysf.com and www.nysc.org.