2016 Camp Colby/Pack Forest Camper Sign-Up

This past summer GHH sponsored 7 campers to the Department of Environmental Camps Colby and Pack Forest. Our camp attendees report fun and rewarding experiences and many hope to have the opportunity to return next summer. Some of our sponsored campers have even been invited back to train as counselors. Great to hear! These summer camps encourage our youth to value the environment and help to develop life skills and safe and active participation in a myriad of outdoor activities. For many campers the experience leads to future education and career decisions.

Interested campers must submit a <u>letter of application</u> addressed to the Guan Ho Ha committee chair, Dale Olsen. Letters may be sent to Dale Olsen via e-mail at dolsen@ptcconnect.net or mailed to Dale Olsen at 2495 Waters Road, Scotia, New York 12302.

1. The letter you write is a request for club sponsorship. This means that if you are selected, the club will pay for your week at camp. In your letter, you want to tell the selection committee why you think you deserve to be a sponsored camper for 2016. Briefly outline your personal interests and experiences related to either Camp Colby or Pack Forest.

- **Be sure to include the following:**
- Your date of birth
- Your telephone number(s)
- e-mail contact for registration purposes
- The name of the club member that will be your sponsor and coordinate your transportation to and from camp
- Any prior DEC camp experiences and whether or not you have been invited back for a week to train by the DEC and if it is pending next year's attendance
- The camp that you are interested in attending and what you hope to gain from your 2016 summer camp stay

Visit the DEC website, www.dec.ny.gov, to learn more about the summer camp experience and be sure to submit your letter ASAP in order to considered for club sponsorship and have the most choice for the date of your camping week. Those campers selected will be notified after the January 21, 2016 meeting and provided with a code to use for registration.