



Daniel Barden Adventure Scholarship Summer Expedition

The Clark Sports Center

Application Due Date: March 31th 2018

Course Dates: 2 sessions, Summer 2018;

July 1st – 11th, July 15th – 25th

Applicants must be in 8th grade and be enrolled at one of our scholarship schools. Students who apply need only be energetic, committed to the challenges offered by this experience, and willing to risk 11 days of summer to learn more about themselves, their adventure companions and their environment. Grades earned in school are NOT a deciding factor in awarding scholarships.

There are many people who can answer your questions about the Dan Barden Scholarship: seek out those who went on a course in the past, talk to your school coordinator, call us at Clark Sports Center (607) 547-2800 extension 124, or email me at WeinertW@clarksportscenter.com

Your parent/guardian **must** sign the bottom of your application (space provided) which signifies they have read the attached parent letter and understand that you are applying for this scholarship. We will not consider your application without it!

From the questions listed on the next page, please respond to **four**. These are challenging questions—there are no easy answers, and there is no single right answer. Our best advice is to provide thoughtful, thorough, and creative responses: answers that will give us a clear picture of **who** you are. It is the quality of your ideas and the depth of your commitment that is most important!

Attach your answers to this page and return the application to you school coordinator.

Name _____ School _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip code _____

Home Phone (with area code) _____

Cell Phone _____

Parent's Email address _____

Parent/Guardian: Please sign below, signifying you have read the attached letter:

Signature _____

Questions (choose and answer any four)

Please type or print legibly

1. Participants in a backcountry excursion will experience and learn different leadership skills. What do you consider the single most important quality of a leader? Why?
2. If one of your trip companions became homesick during the course, what are some things you could do to help?
3. From what you have learned about this expedition, what part of the course might be most difficult for you?
4. Not everyone is willing to apply for a Dan Barden Adventure Scholarship. What makes you willing?
5. Someone once said, "A person's character is what he, or she, does when no one is looking". What does that mean to you?
6. If you were chosen as a leader of your group for one day, how do you think others in your group would respond to your leadership style?
7. Even when you are not designated as leader of a group, what are some things that you could do to help ensure the group's success?
8. What is there about you that will have a positive influence on your expedition group? Why do you think it might be important?

Letter to Parent/Guardian

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your son or daughter has elected to apply for a scholarship to participate in The Clark Sports Center/ Daniel Barden Scholarship Program for eighth grade students. If accepted, you and your student are making a commitment to fulfill the responsibilities inherent in receiving this scholarship.

These responsibilities include: Attendance to any informational sessions provided, timely drop off/ pick up from the Clark Sports Center, compliance with instructor team and the group in whole, willingness to tackle adversity, and practicing proper expedition behavior. (Which includes, but is not limited to, practicing Leave No Trace ethics)

We are asking parents of interested students to be involved in the application process by talking with your son or daughter about the trip and supporting their commitment to undertake this wonderful opportunity provided by Clark Sports Center & the Daniel Barden Adventure Scholarship. **Please sign the front of their application (space provided) signifying you are aware of their intentions.**

If you have questions as to the nature of this experience, please call Clark Sports Center, 607.547.2800, ext. 124, or contact me by email, WeinertW@clarksportscenter.com

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