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Dear Camper,

Thank you for signing up for the DEC **'Trapper Education Course'** during your stay at a DEC Summer Camp. Please be aware that classes may be cancelled due to low enrollment.

This course requires you to complete homework before arriving at camp. Two to four weeks before your week at camp, you will receive a trapper education manual in the mail that includes the homework sheet in its center. You can also find the manual on our website at: <https://dec.ny.gov/things-to-do/hunting/hunter-education/courses-certifications#Trapper>. From the website, you can download and print the trapper education manual and homework as a PDF at no cost. The file size for the manual is very large, so please print only the homework.

Trapper education participants usually camp outdoors, onsite, after completing the course.

Please note: While this course is taking place, campers not enrolled in the class typically go offsite for an overnight backpacking trip.

The homework should take several hours to complete. You will **not** have the opportunity to finish the homework while at camp. **If you arrive at camp without the completed homework sheet, you will be unable to participate in the course.** Please bring the manual with you for reference during the class. If you do not receive a copy of the manual in the mail, you will receive one at camp.

The NYS Trapper Education course is required to purchase a trapping license in New York. This course teaches the necessary safety techniques and responsibilities as a trapper when setting traps to catch wild game.

We appreciate your interest in the Trapper Education Program and look forward to our week with you this summer.

Thank you,

Jackson Patterson
Camps Administrator