

# Craig Tufts Scholarship Available

The Craig Tufts Environmental Education Fund continues Craig's legacy, replicating the spark that he provided for so many because of his extensive knowledge of and appreciation for the natural world. The Fund will finance an annual award that recognizes an individual between the ages of 8 and 18 who displays an interest in the natural world. The award aims to foster that interest, encourage a lifelong path of environmental study, and inspire individuals of all ages to care about and ultimately act to protect wildlife and wildlife habitat.

The family of Craig Tufts, Family Summits, Inc. and National Wildlife Federation announce the 2nd Annual Craig Tufts Educational Scholarship Award, which is given to [a young person between the ages of 8 and 18 to attend a week-long, summer outdoor educational adventure camp with a parent or guardian.](#)



One of the 2010 Craig Tufts Award Winners, Jonah

## Award Details

The Craig Tufts Educational Scholarship Fund was established in memory of Craig Tufts, chief naturalist of National Wildlife Federation. Each year the Fund grants an award to one youth to attend a Family Nature Summit. The Fund provides travel, room and board and program fees for the award winner and an accompanying parent or guardian.

## Summit Details

This year's Family Nature Summit will take place in the Ozark Mountain Region of Missouri, August 1-7, 2011.

## Application Details

If you know a young person who would love to learn, connect, and grow at the Summit this year, encourage them to apply! You can even [pass on the information about this incredible opportunity](#) with a handy flier!



One of the 2010 Craig Tufts Award Winners, Seth.

*Who May Apply:* Anyone between the ages of 8 and 18

*How to Apply:* Applicant will submit an original essay that addresses the following:

- What are your favorite outdoor or nature-related activities?
- Describe a memorable outdoor or nature-related experience and the impact it had on you.
- What aspects of the Family Summit program are you most interested in and why?
- Describe why attending a week-long adventure camp would be important to you and how you would share your experience with others.

*Each essay MUST ...*

- Be accompanied by a [completed application form](#)
- Be written by the applicant (not a parent or guardian)
- Be no more than three pages, double-spaced (about 750 words)
- Be typed in a 12-point font or legibly handwritten
- Include page number and applicant's name on each page

Applications may be submitted via

Email: [tuftsaward@nwf.org](mailto:tuftsaward@nwf.org)

Fax: 703-438-6468

or

Mail:

Craig Tufts Educational Scholarship Award

11100 Wildlife Center Drive

Reston, VA 20190

*Applications must be received by 5 p.m. E.S.T. on March 31, 2011, for consideration.*

## Who was Craig Tufts?

Craig was everyone's favorite naturalist. From the moment you met him, you liked what he was thinking and wanted to know more! He was excited about everything living and understood a tremendous amount about the natural world around him, no matter where he was. He could look at an insect under a log and tell you what its name was or what family it was in and what it was related to, what it probably ate for dinner and where it was going to lay its eggs.... It didn't matter if you were near his home in Northern Virginia or on a mountainside in Colorado, somehow Craig knew and remembered all these details!

Being with Craig on a walk was like having a talking field guide beside you, with the words just pouring out. Craig was always happy to point things out to anyone, and was just as excited to see something for the fiftieth time as he was to see it for the first time! Craig worked for the National Wildlife Federation (NWF) for 33 years as Chief Naturalist.