



New York State Young Birders Club

2012 FIELD TRIP PLANNING FORM for Partner Organizations

PLEASE READ ATTACHED INSTRUCTIONS FIRST.

Save paper & postage! Use our handy online form! <http://www.nysyoungbirders.org/FieldTripPlanningForm.htm>

Name of NYSYBC Partner Organization: _____

Name of Partner Organization's NYSYBC Coordinator: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

First Choice Location: _____

Date: _____ Start & end times: _____

Habitat description, special features, target bird species: _____

Fees (if any) and other special information: _____

Second Choice Location: _____

Date: _____ Start & end times: _____

Habitat description, special features, target bird species: _____

Fees (if any) and other special information: _____

Third Choice Location: _____

Date: _____ Start & end times: _____

Habitat description, special features, target bird species: _____

Fees (if any) and other special information: _____

OTHER NOTES / COMMENTS:

Questions? Email ycb@nybirds.org

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: NYSOA-NYSYBC, PO Box 363, Poughquag, NY 12570

or FAX to: (845) 724-3431 **or SCAN & EMAIL to:** ycb@nybirds.org

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For 2012 Partner Organizations
Instructions

Thank you in advance for helping us create the 2012 field trip schedule. We would like to plan one trip per month from February through November. **Two clubs have already stepped forward and claimed April and October, so that leaves 8 months open.** We aim to offer a variety of birding experiences that are geographically distributed across the state, and we need to consider particular interests that may be expressed by the young birders at our upcoming annual kickoff meeting in January. Preference will be given to sponsors (a) who have paid their 2012 dues and (b) whose previous trips were cancelled due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances. In addition, we may have more trip sponsors than we can handle in one year, in which case we will try to give those Partners a chance who have not previously hosted a trip. All else being equal, if two requests come in for the same type of trip during the same month, we will give preference to the Partner whose form was received first.

Please propose up to 3 trips on dates that your organization can commit to. **You may offer to host field trips anywhere in New York State.** No Partner Organization will be asked to sponsor more than one field trip per year.

To maximize the success of your field trip, we ask that you follow these guidelines:

1 - START TIME & TRIP DURATION: Most (but not all) field trips should start around 7 or 8AM and run 4 to 5 hours (followed by a group lunch). **Partner Organization trip leaders are expected to remain with the group for the entire official duration of the trip, including lunch.**

2 - LUNCH: A group lunch at the conclusion of the field trip's activities gives the young birders an opportunity to relax and socialize, and to compile a list of the species seen or heard while birding together. To help parents with planning, local trip leaders will be asked to identify a lunch location in advance of the trip.

3 - "BIO BREAK": If at all possible, this should be part of the plan midway through the trip.

4 - DAY OF TRIP: All trips should be scheduled on Saturday or Sunday, or on a Friday or Monday that falls on a holiday. Please keep in mind that participants who live far from the trip location will need to stay overnight but will generally not be able to travel a long distance on a school day. **Please refer to the attached 2012 calendar, on which major school testing dates, holidays, and other dates to be avoided are grayed out.**

5 - LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Please keep in mind that some of the young birders will be accompanied by their non-birding parents. We ask that the level of physical exertion required of participants be kept at a low-to-moderate level so as not to discourage parents from bringing their children on future trips! This means that most walks should be limited to 3-4 miles in length, with frequent stops allowed for finding and observing birds.

6 - ALL BIRDS ARE GOOD BIRDS: We welcome young birders of all levels and encourage the more skilled ones to help the less experienced ones make new discoveries regardless of how common the species involved. In addition, we encourage even the most skilled of our young birders to do more than just check off species on a list – please help them see that there are always new things to learn and enjoy, even when observing a species they've seen a thousand times before.

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NYSYBC 2012 Field Trip Planning Calendar

Please do NOT request field trip dates in January, April, October, or December.

Other grayed-out dates are mostly student testing or family holidays and are best avoided to ensure adequate participation.

January

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

28 SAT 15 NYSYBC Annual Kickoff

February

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29			

March

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

10 SAT

April

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

14 ACT 7-14 Passover 8 Easter

May

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

7-11, 14-18 AP 5 SAT 13 Mother's Day

June

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

2 SAT 9 ACT 17 Father's Day 23-24 HS Graduation

July

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

August

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

September

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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8 ACT 16-18 Rosh Hashanah 25-26 Yom Kippur

October

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

27 ACT

November

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

3 SAT 22-25 Thanksgiving Weekend

December

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

8 ACT CBC month

Jan 2 [New Year's Day \(observed\)](#)

Jan 16 [Martin Luther King Day](#)

Feb 20 [Presidents' Day](#)

Apr 7-14 [Passover](#)

Apr 8 [Easter Sunday](#)

May 13 [Mother's Day](#)

May 28 [Memorial Day](#)

Jun 17 [Father's Day](#)

Jul 4 [Independence Day](#)

Sep 3 [Labor Day](#)

Sep 16-18 [Rosh Hashanah](#)

Sep 25-26 [Yom Kippur](#)

Oct 8 [Columbus Day](#)

Nov 12 [Veterans Day observed](#)

Nov 22 [Thanksgiving Day](#)

Dec 9-16 [Chanukah](#)

Dec 25 [Christmas Day](#)