

NYSYBC 2018 FIELD TRIP PLANNING FORM
For 2018 Partner Organizations
Instructions

Thank you for considering running a field trip for NYSYBC. We are seeking trips for March through September and November (October is set aside for the NYSOA annual meeting and in December we encourage the young birders to participate in CBCs. We often receive multiple requests for the same month, so please propose trips in 2 or 3 different months.

1 – LEGAL STUFF: NYSYBC requires all participants under 18 to provide signed permission and medical authorization forms in advance of each trip; we handle all of that. The most recent form can be viewed at nysyoungbirders.org/NYSYBC_PermissionForm.pdf

2 – TYPES OF TRIPS: Most of our trips are no-fuss, half-day bird walks, and these are very popular with the youngsters. Most do not involve an overnight stay for the young birders, except for those who live far away. Occasionally, a partner organization arranges a trip that involves more planning, such as arranging admittance to a location normally off-limits; or a bird walk coupled with an educational activity such as a behind-the-scenes tour at a museum or lab/research facility; bird banding; a presentation or talk; nighttime migration atop the Empire State Building; and viewing a nesting tern colony. These special events offer the young birders extraordinary experiences, but simple walks are also greatly appreciated.

2 – PARTICIPATION THRESHOLD: Although it rarely happens, if fewer than 3 families sign up for a trip, it will be cancelled. Please be aware that the majority of our members are from southeastern NY, so trips far “upstate” run a higher risk in this regard.

3 - START TIME & DURATION: Most field trips 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 duration of the event, including lunch.

4 - LUNCH: Please select a casual place (e.g. diner) for a group lunch, which will give the young birders an opportunity to relax, socialize, and chat about the day’s highlights. In warm weather, “bring your own lunch” is an option. You are NOT expected to pay for our lunch!

5 - “BIO BREAKS”: Please include one or more rest room stops in your plan for the trip.

6 – PICKING THE DATE: All trips should be scheduled on Saturday or Sunday. Participants who need to stay overnight will usually not be able to travel on a school day. If most participants will need to travel a long distance, a Sunday date should be selected to allow travel on Saturday and a return trip Sunday afternoon. **Please refer to the attached 2018 calendar, on which weekend dates to be avoided are grayed out.**

7 - LEVEL OF DIFFICULTY: Please keep the level of physical exertion at a low-to-moderate level. Walks should not exceed 3-4 miles, with frequent stops for finding and observing birds.

8 - ALL BIRDS ARE GOOD BIRDS: We welcome young birders of all levels. We encourage young birders to do more than just check off species on a list, even when observing a species they’ve seen many times before.

To reserve a date, your organization must have paid its NYSYBC membership dues for 2018.

Questions? Email fieldtrips@nysyoungbirders.org

PLEASE MAIL COMPLETED FORM TO: NYSOA-NYSYBC, PO Box 363, Poughquag, NY 12570
or FAX to: (845) 724-3431 **or SCAN/PHOTOGRAPH & EMAIL to:** fieldtrips@nysyoungbirders.org

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NYSYBC 2018 Field Trip Planning Calendar

Please do NOT request field trip dates that are grayed out on the calendar.

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			

14 NYSYBC Annual Kickoff 16 MLKing Day

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			

19 Presidents' Day

March

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

Mar 31-Apr 7 Passover

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					

1 Easter Sunday Mar 31-Apr 7 Passover

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		

12-13 World Series of Birding
13 Mother's Day 28 Memorial Day

June

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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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

17 Father's Day

July

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

4 Independence Day

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
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September

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23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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3 Labor Day 10 Rosh Hashanah 19 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
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8 Columbus Day
5-7 NYSOA Annual Meeting, Rochester

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	

12 Veterans' Day
22-25 Thanksgiving Weekend

December

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
						1
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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30	31					

CBC month 3-10 Chanukah
25 Christmas Day

Jan 1	New Year's Day	May 13	Mother's Day	Sep 19	Yom Kippur
Jan 15	Martin Luther King Day	May 28	Memorial Day	Oct 8	Columbus Day
Feb 19	Presidents' Day	Jun 17	Father's Day	Nov 12	Veterans Day
Apr 1	Easter Sunday	Jul 4	Independence Day	Nov 22	Thanksgiving Day
Mar 31- Apr 7	Passover	Sep 3	Labor Day	Dec 3-10	Chanukah
		Sep 10	Rosh Hashanah	Dec 25	Christmas Day



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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: _____ 2nd choice date: _____ Start & end times: _____

Habitat description, special activities, target bird species: _____

Fees (if any) and other special information: _____

Second Choice Location: _____

Date: _____ 2nd choice date: _____ Start & end times: _____

Habitat description, special activities, target bird species: _____

Fees (if any) and other special information: _____

Third Choice Location: _____

Date: _____ 2nd choice date: _____ Start & end times: _____

Habitat description, special activities, target bird species: _____

Fees (if any) and other special information: _____

OTHER NOTES / COMMENTS:

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