EMORY & HENRY COLLEGE

Summer Adventure Program

For rising high school Juniors & Seniors

June 21st – July 2nd, 2014

Instructions for References:

We require two references for admission into our program. We use these references to ensure a good match between the E&H Summer Adventure Program and your son or daughter. This enables us to create the best possible peer group for your child.

It's best if at least one of the references comes from an adult who has worked with your child in a school setting. Some other options are: coaches, Boy/Girl Scout leaders, or supervisors at volunteer or paid positions. It's helpful if the adults providing references have been informed about the summer experience that your child has applied for, as well as the nature of our program. Please choose references who will contact us as soon as possible so we can accept your child.

Please ask your student's references to contact us one of two ways; email us at harrisj@ehc.edu (please include the student's name in the subject line) or they can call (276)525-5827. If you receive an email response that is a reference please forward this email to harrisj@ehc.edu.

Please contact your choice of references by phone or email. If you choose to email them, you may wish to use the following text:

Dear [Name of Reference],

You have been listed as a reference for [Your Name] to attend Emory & Henry Colleges Summer Adventure Program. Please note: we do not require a lengthy or official letter of recommendation; we simply want a concise statement that is specifically in reference to this child's participation in a community-oriented, educational adventure program.

I'd like to take a few minutes to tell you about our program and then ask you a few questions about this student. You can either e-mail your reference to www.ehc.edu/summer-adventure-program or call us at (276-525-5827).

[Your Name] has applied for Emory & Henry College's Summer Adventure Program. This is a 12 day trip in the Southwest Virginia and surrounding areas, during which she/he will be rock climbing, stand up paddling, backpacking, rafting, and living with a small group of teens and instructors. Our program places a strong emphasis on community; he/she will be traveling with 10-20 other students from all over the country as well as 6 instructors. If you are interested in finding out more about our program, you might take a look at our website: www.ehc.edu/summer-adventure-program. We do check references on all of our students; we are in no way a program for troubled youth. Our students are excited about coming on our trips and work hard to expand their personal frontiers and contribute to the group experience. We emphasize safety, fun, community, education, and outdoor skills (in that order).

Please jot down a few words in response to these questions:

- **Does this program sound like something he/she would be excited about doing? How do you think she/he would do physically on a trip like this?**
- **How does he/she relate with peers and with adult leadership?**
- **Would you have any reservations about taking him/her on a week-long field trip with your class?**
- **Do you see any problems with drugs, alcohol, or tobacco with this student?**
- **Any other comments that will help us get to know this person before the summer?**

Please email your reference to harrisj@ehc.edu, or call us at (276-525-5827) to speak with E&H Summer Adventure Program Director, Jim Harrison.