



**Manice Education Center  
Teacher Recommendation Form 2011**

*To be completed by a teacher OR youth leader*

**Name of Student Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_

Christodora/Manice Education Center programs offer highly motivated students the opportunity to participate in intensive one to three week environmental, wilderness and leadership courses with other outstanding youth from across the city. These demanding courses require that students live, work and study together in close quarters in remote wilderness areas. The academic and experiential learning involves participating in both indoor and outdoor ecology/natural science lessons, peer leadership, leadership training and field projects. Students reside at the program site in staff supervised single gender platform tents and spend a great majority of their time learning, exploring, living and hiking in the outdoors. Students have the opportunity to journey on overnight backpacking and/or canoeing trips in surrounding parks and wilderness areas.

Christodora/Manice Education Center maintains high standards of selection based on the student's interest and aptitude in science and the environment, maturity, ability to function well within a group, and their potential to benefit from participation. Recommendations from teachers and/or youth leaders are often more important to us than academic performance or lists of extra-curricular activities.

We recognize that you are asked to fill out many recommendation forms and that limited time sometimes results in comments that are less revealing. We hope that you will nevertheless help us by carefully evaluating this student. All information furnished by you will be kept confidential. Your effort is greatly appreciated!

**Your Name and Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**School** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**School Phone** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home/Cell Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Student Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Under what circumstances have you known the applicant?
- 2) How do you rate the applicant's promise for this program, as you understand it? Why?
- 3) Please describe the applicant based on...
  - a) self-motivation and ability to work independently:
  - b) social skills and cooperative behavior:
  - c) academic aptitude and achievement:
  - d) emotional stability/maturity:
  - e) interest in science and the natural world:
  - f) sense of humor:
- 4) Other Comments:

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**Please Do Not Return to the Applicant -- Email, Mail, or Fax to:**

**Christodora**

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**If you would like to receive more information about our experiential educational programs, please check the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive more information about **Christodora's** in-school and after school environmental education programs in NYC and other programs at the Manice Education Center, an outdoor facility offering unique opportunities to learn natural history/ ecology, wilderness skills, and leadership development to NYC schools through three-day field trips in the spring/fall and to NYC students through various summer courses.