

Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Summer Science Camps 2014



VIMS is looking for students (rising 1-8 graders) who have an interest in the Chesapeake Bay! VIMS will be offering week-long, hands-on, summer marine science day-camps that will enable the student to learn, first hand, about the Chesapeake Bay. All camps are tailored to meet the learning stages of each age and are free, thanks to the generosity of two private donors to the VIMS Foundation.



1st & 2nd Grade: Sea Squirts

July 7 - 11, 2014

Rising 1st and 2nd grade students will explore salt marshes and wetlands, investigate the underwater world of the Chesapeake Bay, and dip net in a variety of sandy bottom locations. Campers will be engaged through hands-on activities while learning about animals such as birds, fishes, and plants, and will have time for many creative crafts and games. To apply, complete and return application by April 1, 2014. Camp enrollment will be completed via a lottery system. If your child is selected in the lottery, you will be sent an email with a registration packet. 15 students maximum.



3rd & 4th Grade: Bay Buddies

Session 1:

August 4 - 8, 2014

Session 2:

August 11-15, 2014

Rising 3rd and 4th grade students will learn about ways to protect and preserve the Chesapeake Bay environment. Students will seine in the York River, use microscopes, play outdoor games, use field guides, make crafts, and complete projects that will benefit the Chesapeake Bay. To apply, complete and return application by April 1, 2014. Camp enrollment will be completed via a lottery system. If your child is selected in the lottery, you will be sent an email with a registration packet. 24 students maximum per session.



5th & 6th Grade: Chesapeake Champions

July 14 - 18, 2014

Rising 5th and 6th grade students will study and explore freshwater, brackish, and saltwater habitats. Campers will participate in many hands-on activities including, canoeing and seining in the York River, taking a boat trip to Goodwin Islands, and investigating the life in a local stream. Campers will use a variety of scientific tools including water quality equipment and microscopes to learn about the Chesapeake Bay. To apply, complete and return application and students' statement of interest by April 1, 2014. 24 students will be selected.



7th & 8th Grade: Estuary Explorers

June 23 - 28, 2014

This week-long, overnight trip to the Eastern Shore of Virginia will allow rising 7th and 8th grade students to explore the Chesapeake Bay in depth. Students will visit both the Bay and ocean side of the Eastern Shore, canoe, explore barrier islands and mud flats, take boat trips and trawl to collect animals, study dune ecology, examine marine organisms in the lab, and more! Students will stay at the VIMS Eastern Shore Laboratory dorms. Food, lodging and transportation will be provided. ****Parents will be required to pick up their student on the last day of camp from the Eastern Shore.**** To apply, complete and return application and students' statement of interest by April 1, 2014. 16 students will be selected.



All students will be notified of acceptance into camps by April 9, 2014.

For more information contact

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For all application materials, visit our website at www.vims.edu/cbnerr

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