Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Summer Science Camps 2012

VIMS is looking for students (rising 1-8 grade) who have an interest in the Chesapeake Bay! VIMS will be offering week-long summer marine science day-camps that will enable the student to learn, first hand, about the Chesapeake Bay through age-appropriate themes. All camps are free.

1st & 2nd Grade: Sea Squirts
June 25-29, 2012
Rising 1st and 2nd grade students will explore marshes and wetlands, investigate the underwater world of the Chesapeake Bay, dip net in a variety of locations, explore birds, fish, and plants, as well as crafts and games. To apply, complete and return application by April 2, 2012. 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 6-10, 2012
Session 2: August 13-17, 2012
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 games, use field guides, make crafts, and complete projects that will benefit the Chesapeake Bay. To apply, complete and return application by April 2, 2012. 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
June 18-22, 2012
Rising 5th and 6th grade students will have the opportunity to canoe, seine in the York River, explore a variety of habitats in the Chesapeake Bay including a boat trip to Goodwin Islands, and investigate the Bay with various types of technology. To apply, complete and return application and students' statement of interest by April 2, 2012. 24 students will be selected.

7th & 8th Grade: Estuary Explorers
July 23-28, 2012
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, go bird watching, explore barrier islands and mud flats, take boat trips to collect animals, study dune ecology, 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 2, 2012. 16 students will be selected.

All students will be notified of acceptance into camps by April 9, 2012.

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