

Virginia Institute of Marine Science

Summer Marine Science Camps 2022

VIMS is looking for students (rising 3rd grade through 8th grade) who have an interest in marine science! VIMS will be offering week-long, hands-on, summer marine science camps that will enable students to learn, first hand, about marine science and the Chesapeake Bay. All camps are tailored to meet the learning stages of each age and are free thanks to private donors.



Bay Buddies

3rd & 4th Grade

June 27th - July 1st, 2022



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 6th, 2022. Camp enrollment will be completed via a lottery system.

Chesapeake Champions

5th & 6th Grade

August 1st - 5th, 2022



Rising 5th and 6th grade students will study and explore different habitats within the watershed. Campers will participate in many hands-on activities including canoeing and seining in the York River, squid dissection, and using 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 6th, 2022. Maximum of 24 students will be selected.

Estuary Explorers

7th & 8th Grade

August 8th - 12th, 2022

Rising 7th and 8th grade students will investigate and explore the Chesapeake Bay. Campers will collect and identify fish species in the York River by seining, canoe along tidal rivers, study organisms through dissections, and learn about current research at VIMS from scientists and researchers. To apply, complete and return application and students' statement of interest by April 6th, 2022. Maximum of 24 students will be selected.



Junior Counselors

High school students can apply for junior counselor positions where they will gain experience with public speaking, developing lessons, and inspiring campers to become environmental stewards. Junior Counselors will volunteer with one of the week-long camps.



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All students will be notified of acceptance into camps by April 13th, 2022.

For more information contact Sarah Nuss at mcguire@vims.edu.

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