

Virginia Institute of Marine Science High School Summer Camp Counselors

High school students are invited to apply for our **Coastal Counselors** positions for the VIMS Summer Marine Science Camps! This is an amazing opportunity to **help lead camp activities, mentor younger campers, and inspire the next generation of environmental stewards**. As a Coastal Counselor, you'll gain hands-on experience working in the field, learning teamwork and leadership skills, and making a real difference in the lives of campers.



All selected counselors **must attend a two-day training camp on June 11th & 12th**, where you'll receive the tools, guidance, and support needed to succeed in your role. This training will prepare you to lead activities safely, teach environmental stewardship, and create an unforgettable camp experience for everyone. Camp Counselors will be selected to volunteer at one of the summer camps listed below.



Become part of our Coastal Counselors team for one of our camp sessions and **help foster curiosity, leadership, and a love for the environment** in our campers!

Summer Camp Dates:

Camp Launch (9th & 10th grade) - June 15-26

Bay Buddies (3rd & 4th grade) - July 20-24

Chesapeake Champions (5th & 6th grade) - July 27-31

Estuary Explorers (7th & 8th grade) - August 2-7



To Apply:

The application period opens February 16, 2026 and will close on March 15, 2026. All students will be notified if they are selected for an interview by March 27th.



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