



CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION
Saving a National Treasure

MIDDLE SCHOOL BAY ECO-CAMP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

- **Who may attend this program?**
This week is specially designed for rising 6th, 7th & 8th grade students.
- **What are the dates? Drop off and pick up times?**
 - ◆ **Monday, July 15-Friday, July 19**
Drop off: [Somers Cove Marina](#) in Crisfield, MD on Monday, July 15 at 11:00 a.m.
Pick up: [Somers Cove Marina](#) in Crisfield, MD on Friday, July 19 at 11:00 a.m.
 - ◆ **Monday, August 12-Friday, August 16**
Drop off: [Somers Cove Marina](#) in Crisfield, MD on Monday, August 12 at 11:00 a.m.
Pick up: [Somers Cove Marina](#) in Crisfield, MD on Friday, August 16 at 11:00 a.m.
- **Where is the drop off and pick up location?**
[Somers Cove Marina](#), 715 Broadway in Crisfield, Maryland 21817. We will meet at the J Millard Tawes Historical Museum located inside the marina parking area and depart as a group, via boat, to Port Isobel. We will not have any other means of transport to the education center, so we ask that drop-off and pick-up times are strictly adhered to.
- **What is the fee?**
\$1000.00 per student. The cost includes activities, meals, snacks, lodging, and ferry transport. Payment is due at the time of registration. We accept MasterCard, VISA, and American Express payments online.
- **When is the registration deadline, cancelation policy, and waitlist process?**
Space is limited to 20 students per camp on a first come, first served basis. Our scheduling team will notify parents via email if a space becomes available after the deadline.
 - ◆ **July Camp.** Registration closes June 3, 2024. Cancelations before June 24 will receive a full refund minus a \$75 processing fee. Cancelations between June 25-June 30 will receive a 50% refund minus a \$75 processing fee. No refunds will be granted after July 1.
 - ◆ **August Camp.** Registration closes July 5, 2024. Cancelations before July 22 will receive a full refund minus a \$75 processing fee. Cancelations between July 23 - July 27 will receive a 50% refund minus a \$75 processing fee. No refunds will be granted after July 28.
- **What should my student pack for the week?**
Please use this checklist as a guideline:
 - 3 pairs of long lightweight pants
 - 3 long-sleeved lightweight shirts
 - 2 short-sleeved shirts
 - 2 pairs of shorts
 - Bathing suit
 - Sun hat & Sunglasses
 - 2 pairs of closed toed shoes/tennis shoes (one for getting very wet and muddy)
 - 1 pair flip flops for inside the buildings
 - Pillow, sleeping bag or twin sheets
 - Refillable water bottle with name clearly printed on the side
 - Toothbrush, toothpaste, toiletries, & towel
 - Any prescribed medications - must be listed on CBF Health Form
 - CBF Health Form printed & signed - provide to educator at drop off



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- **Are students allowed to bring their own food?**
Meals and snacks will be provided. Students may bring additional snacks, however the food portion of the fee is set.
- **What activities will students participate in during the week?**
We have an action-packed week of canoe trips, fishing, night hikes, boat excursions, beach exploration, and island hopping! Activities include investigations of bay grass beds, brackish marshland, and oyster reefs along with a visit to the neighboring 300-year-old fishing village of Tangier, Virginia.
- **Will the students be outside all day?**
We will be outside for a good portion of the day however we will also have some indoor activities to take breaks, rest, have meals, participate in group games or individual creative work.
- **Is there cell service on the island?**
Cell phone signal is a bit spotty, however, there is a landline, and the voicemail is checked once per day. For urgent issues, please leave a message at Port Isobel's landline: 757-891-2512
- **What is the staff to student ratio for the week?**
There will be a maximum of 25 students and six staff.
- **What are the accommodations like at Port Isobel, CBF's island residential center?**
Dormitory-style, with each room sleeping two to six participants; meeting areas and fully equipped kitchens and bathrooms. Showers are somewhat limited due to island living and water conservation in mind however, we have an unlimited supply of dock showers.
- **What are your staff's qualifications and safety measures for vessels?**
We take pride in our history of 50 years in outdoor education experience. CBF vessels are U.S. Coast Guard inspected, CBF captains hold a U.S. Coast Guard license, all captains and educators hold medical Wilderness First Responder Certification, CPR, First Aid, American Canoe Association Certification, and Boater Safety Certification. CBF requires personal floatation devices (PFDs) for all water activities. All CBF educators are highly trained and operate programs with a set of well-established safety policies. Take a look at our [Meet our Educators](#) webpage.
- **What happens in the event of bad weather?**
We operate in rain or shine, as long as it is safe to do so. In the case of dangerous/severe weather, CBF program staff will engage the students indoors with a variety of group activities until the weather clears.
- **What happens in the case of an emergency? Where is the nearest hospital?**
Minor injuries are treated on site by our Wilderness First Responder certified field educators. More serious injuries will be referred to McCready Memorial Hospital, 201 Hall Hwy, Crisfield, MD. 21817 or Tidal Health Peninsula Regional Hospital 100 E Carroll St in Salisbury, MD. 21801. Parents will be notified by CBF staff calls and texts. **All participants are required to have a printed & signed copy of the participant health form at drop off on the first day.**
- **I have high school students that are interested in the Chesapeake Bay, how can they participate in CBF education programs?**
High School students interested in year-round or summer opportunities in advocacy, student professional development, and watershed exploration can learn about Chesapeake Bay Foundation's [Student Leadership Program](#).
- **Thanks for all the information, but I still have questions!**
That's okay! For questions, email us at fieldtrips@cbf.org or call 800-445-5572.