

# FOX ISLAND ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Built in 1929 as a hunting and fishing lodge, the center is surrounded by the waters of Tangier and Pocomoke Sounds in Virginia. Fox Island's location, history, and simplicity make it truly magical.



## THE LODGE

- The center has Clivus Multrum composting toilets that use no water or chemicals.
- Solar panels provide electricity for a handful of lights, a refrigerator, and the “gray water” system. Visitors should bring a flashlight.
- The lodge has a natural heating and cooling system. It uses a wood stove for warmth in common areas in the cooler months, and lots of windows for cool breezes in warmer weather.
- A 70-foot well provides water for washing hands and dishes, but **students will NOT be showering while at Fox.**
- Maximum capacity is 20 people (includes students and chaperones). There are seven rooms: two quads, four triples, and a double.
- Boats include nine canoes, a 24-foot Carolina skiff, and the *Walter Ridder*, a 40-foot jet-drive field investigation boat.

## FIELD EXPERIENCE CONCEPTS

**BEFORE YOU GO:** Prepare students for the remote conditions of the island, the conservation techniques they will practice, and expected behavior. Remind them there are no showers. *Inform students that they are **not to bring** iPods, CD players, DVD players, or other electronics of any kind. Cell phones are permitted for taking pictures at times designated by CBF educators.*

**FIELD EXPERIENCE:** CBF field educators will work with you during the pre-program call to tailor your experience so that it complements your classroom content. The following are examples of sample topics:

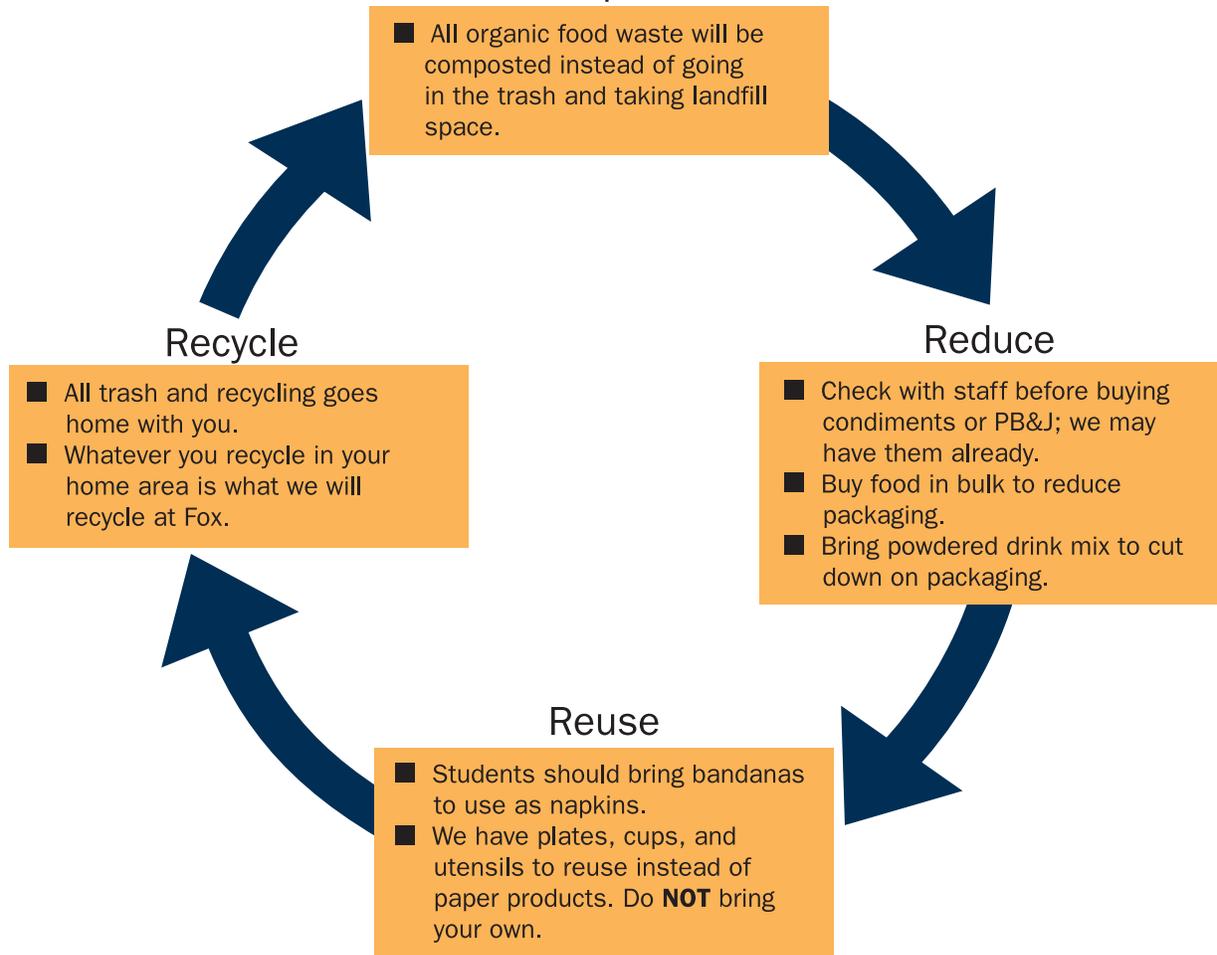
- History and folklore
- Underwater grasses
- Crabbing, fishing, and oystering
- Salt marsh exploration
- Field journals and naturalist news
- Weather watch

**ACTION PROJECT:** Your experience while at Fox is intended to inspire students to take action when you return home. Please help facilitate restoration and/or leadership projects to help save the Bay!



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## MEALS Compost



**Meal preparation is a group effort. Teacher and chaperone leadership is required for the cooking and cleanup of each meal in addition to behavior management of the remainder of the group.**

### SAMPLE PROGRAM

#### DAY 1

1:30 Arrive at Fox Island, intro and safety review  
Fisheries Investigation  
*Set Crab Pots/Dredge for Oysters*  
Sunset Dinner, evening journal, night hike, stories

#### DAY 2

Sunrise Breakfast  
Morning Field investigations  
*SAV's—scraping*  
*Marsh/Tidal Wetland*  
Mid-day Lunch  
Field investigations  
*Canoe/Water Chemistry/Marsh*  
Sunset Dinner, evening journal, oral history

#### DAY 3

Sunrise Breakfast  
Proggin' (Island history exploration)  
Pack up and clean up  
11:30-12 Wrap-up meeting and depart

### CONTACT INFORMATION



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