



**CHESAPEAKE BAY FOUNDATION**  
*Saving a National Treasure*

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Your student will soon be participating in a Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) Student Field Program. CBF is a private, non-profit conservation organization dedicated to saving the Bay with watershed-wide environmental education programs. CBF Education introduces participants to the wonders of the watershed and works to heighten sensitivity, increase knowledge, and empower community members to take positive action toward the Bay's restoration.

For over five decades, CBF's educators have taken 1.5 million participants into the field to learn outside. From one day canoe and boat experiences to weeklong stays at our residential island centers, the philosophy is the same – To care for the environment, you must love it. To love it, you must know it. And to know it, you must experience it.



During the Student Field Program, your student will participate in a variety of outdoor activities – like pulling a trawl net for fish, marsh mucking, canoeing, and/or dredging for oysters – they might get WET and MUDDY. Being prepared and dressing appropriately will help make the outdoor experience both rewarding and fun.

Please prepare your student for their Student Field Program by:

- Reading the [Participant Information](#) to determine what to wear, what to bring, and to understand the expected behavior for their program.
- Complete the CBF [One-Day Field Program Health Form \(Spanish\)](#) and provide it to the teacher/group leader.

If you would like more information about this education program, please visit [www.cbf.org/education](http://www.cbf.org/education).

Sincerely,

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Education Program Manager




## CBF STUDENT FIELD PROGRAM PARTICIPANT INFORMATION – ONE DAY PROGRAMS


### WHAT TO WEAR & WHAT TO PACK

Appropriate clothing and gear for weather conditions is essential. All Student Field Program activities will take place outside on and near the water! Check the forecasted weather for your program date.

#### WHAT TO WEAR:

 **Warm Weather:** In warm weather, staying hydrated and protecting yourself from the sun are key!

- Old sneakers or closed-toed shoes that will get muddy and wet (no open-toed shoes, crocs, or aqua socks)
- Clothing that can get muddy and wet
- Hat, sunshirt, sunglasses

 **Cold Weather:** It can feel 10-15 degrees (°F) cooler out on the water. Layers are important. You can remove layers if needed.

- Winter boots and/or warm socks and closed-toed shoes (no open-toed shoes, crocs, or aqua socks)
- Warm hat, gloves, scarf
- Long johns, base layer, and/or warm layered clothing

#### WHAT TO PACK:

##### Essential

- Packed lunch
- Reusable water bottle
- Full change of clothes & shoes
- Rain gear (if forecasted)
- Sunscreen

##### Recommended

- Sunglasses
- Lip balm
- Camera
- Binoculars

**TEACHER/GROUP LEADER:** Bring extra beverages in very hot or very cold weather! Potable water will be provided by CBF staff.



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### **EDUCATION PROGRAM POLICIES**

#### **CERTIFICATIONS, LICENSES, INSURANCE, & INSPECTIONS:**

- ✓ All CBF educators are certified in Wilderness First Responder and CPR.
- ✓ All CBF captains hold a United States Coast Guard license.
- ✓ All CBF vessels are inspected annually by the United States Coast Guard.
- ✓ CBF carries liability insurance for any occurrence on land and water.

#### **CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER:**

CBF education programs will be canceled in the case of severe weather (extreme heat/cold, lightning, or high winds). Chesapeake Bay Foundation education staff will contact teachers or group leaders in case of a cancellation due to severe weather.

#### **CBF EDUCATION PROGRAM REGULATIONS:**

1. Use of cell phones for cameras or educational programming is up to the discretion of CBF staff.
2. Non-skid, closed toe shoes must be worn at all times.
3. No smoking, alcoholic beverages, or illegal drugs allowed.
4. No pets.
5. No guests (infant, student or adult).
6. No horseplay or racing.
7. Chesapeake Bay Foundation is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen valuables.

#### **BOAT SAFETY:**

1. All minor participants must wear life jackets at all times, including while getting on and off boats.
2. While on boats, all participants must obey the captain.
3. Get on and off the boat one at a time, per the captains' instruction.
4. Keep hands and feet inside the boat at all times, especially while the boat is leaving or coming into the dock.

**CBF staff have the right and responsibility to cancel a Student Field Program that is in progress if unsafe activity by participants warrants it.**



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## **CBF STUDENT FIELD PROGRAM CHAPERONE GUIDELINES**

Thank you for volunteering to chaperone a Chesapeake Bay Foundation (CBF) Student Field Program. You are about to embark on a truly unique experience. During the field day, please keep in mind the following guidelines:

- You are expected to participate fully in ALL field activities. Remember you will be spending the day outdoors. You may get wet and muddy, so dress appropriately for the weather. See [Participant Information](#) for details about what to wear and what to bring.
- You are responsible for the discipline of all participants, which may include removing individuals from activities if they are not participating properly.
- You are expected to obey all Chesapeake Bay Foundation safety policies and regulations, including: no cell phone use (except taking photos/videos), no smoking, no drinking alcoholic beverages, and no use of illegal drugs will be allowed on Chesapeake Bay Foundation education programs. See [Education Program Policies](#) for specific regulations and policies.