VIRGINIA RIVERS & STREAMS WEST
ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

Multiple locations in the VA I-95 Corridor and further west

The Chesapeake Bay Foundation offers participants the opportunity to learn outside on Student Field Programs across the Chesapeake Bay watershed.

The **Virginia Rivers & Streams West Environmental Education Program** gives participants a new perspective of their local tributary and its connection to the Bay. While paddling on a freshwater, non-tidal river, students examine the relationship between human activity and water quality in the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Hands-on activities encourage sensitivity and knowledge of local ecosystems, giving relevance and understanding to classroom curricula. CBF educators provide opportunities for careful observation, data collection, analysis, and synthesis of information gathered during the experience. Each participant is encouraged to explore the complexity of the watershed and to see themselves as part of the solution.

CONCEPTS

- Biodiversity
- Land-use impacts
- Mapping skills
- Native & invasive species
- Riparian buffers
- River ecology
- Soil health
- Water quality testing

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CBF is committed to connecting students, teachers, and school leaders to their environment. Program investigations correlate with state learning standards and are designed to enhance and supplement classroom instruction. Whether through art, math, history, science, or social studies, our teaching approach actively engages participants in critical thinking on real-world, local environmental issues.

MINIMUM GRADE	MAX. PARTICIPANTS (students, teachers, & chaperones)
4th (streamside) 6th (canoe)	30 participants (streamside) 26 participants (canoe)

APPLY for a Student Field Program at cbf.org/educate

If you have questions, please contact the scheduling team at 800-445-5572 or fieldtrips@cbf.org.