

2018 SUMMER FIELD EXPERIENCE at the
Sedge Island Natural Resource Education Center
August 13-16, 2018
For Students Entering Grades 7 to 9

NJ DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE and CONSERVE WILDLIFE FOUNDATION OF NJ are excited to announce a residential program for motivated students going into grades 7 to 9 who are interested in exploring New Jersey's salt marsh environment.

While living a conservation lifestyle at Sedge Island, students will explore the natural and cultural history of Barnegat Bay as well as current environmental issues affecting the bay. Students will leave with a better understanding of the personal choices they face in order to make a positive impact upon their environment.

Participants will:

- Explore the Barnegat Bay ecosystem using kayaks, microscopes, water testing equipment, nets, and other scientific tools;
- Work with biologists gathering information about the flora and fauna of Barnegat Bay;
- Learn about the history of Barnegat Bay through fishing, crabbing, and clamming;
- Develop leadership skills helping to improve confidence in making environmentally-friendly decisions;
- Learn about sustainability and stewardship to, in turn, teach others the value of protecting the environment.



Dates:

Monday, August 13 through
Thursday, August 16, 2018

Location: Sedge Island

Natural Resource Education Center,
off of Island Beach State Park,
Seaside Park, NJ

Facility: The "Sedge House" is a renovated duck hunting lodge, equipped with a common room, 7 bunkrooms, 2 composting toilets, a full kitchen, dining room, front porch, an upper back deck, and only an outside shower to rinse off.

Deadline to apply: July 13, 2018

Cost: \$425, includes lodging, meals, instruction, and equipment.

Questions: Contact Karen Byrne

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If you have previously participated in this experience you may be placed on a waiting list, to allow for students who haven't gotten the opportunity to participate in previous years.



See Reverse Side for Application Instructions





Sedge Island Natural Resource Education Center is located in Barnegat Bay in New Jersey's only marine conservation zone. Students will take a fifteen minute boat ride across the bay's shallow waters to the education facility, a former duck hunting lodge. During their stay at Sedge Island, participants will live a conservation lifestyle since the facility is totally

off the grid. Solar panels provide electricity while sewage is composted in Clivus Multrum composting toilets. Residing at this facility for the week will provide students with a unique view of NJ's natural resources and our human impact on it.



On the last day, parents are invited to join the group for lunch and to see presentations from the students about their salt marsh experience.

Application instructions: Space is limited!

Electronic applications are strongly encouraged. Print the application form as a pdf or print and scan it. Send your complete application to karen.byrne@dep.nj.gov. *If you must send a paper copy, please call (609) 748-4347 for instructions.*

A limited number of scholarships are available. Please include a note with your application if you would like to be considered for a scholarship.

Your application **must** include:

- Application cover page. (Print as a pdf or print and scan.)
- A letter of interest explaining why you want to attend the Sedge Island Summer Field Experience.
- A letter of recommendation from a teacher or community leader that can attest to your character and work ethic.

