Coastal Communities Camp 2019 Curriculum July 8th – 12th 9 AM – 3 PM



This camp is designed to show students how St. Augustine's people have been tied to the ocean for over 450 years. This will be accomplished by doing activities on and near the water and traveling to locations in the area to participate in varied maritime experiences. Campers will discover how people have lived and interacted with the marine environment from the early 1500s to the present. They will practice boatbuilding skills, fish from shore and on the water, learn about archaeological investigations, see modern shrimping and boating operations in St. Augustine, go on an eco-tour by kayak, and more! Daily activities are outlined below. All activities are weather permitting.

General Information

All camp days begin at the St. Augustine Lighthouse & Maritime Museum at 9:00 AM and travel to locations in the area via commercial charter vehicle (see daily curriculum below).

Materials Needed Every Day:

Coastal Community T-shirt
Sturdy lace up shoes
Bagged Lunch (any special dietary needs included in lunch)
Bathing suit and towel
Hat and sunscreen
Any necessary medications
Dry change of clothes
Water bottle (provided)

- For immediate student recognition Coastal Community camp T-shirts must be worn every day. Students are given two.
- Student not in proper footwear will not be permitted to participate in outdoor activities.
- Students are required to wear PFDs when on the water.
- Water is available during outdoor activities from a water cooler. Students need to bring their water bottles every day.
- Lunches will be kept in coolers but food choices should consider the outdoor nature of the camp.

WEATHER DISCLAIMER: Though unlikely, adverse weather may lead to modification or cancellation of planned activities.

(Daily curriculum on following page.)

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Day 1: They Came by Sea

Introduction to camp topics, themes, safety procedures and rules through presentation and class discussion. Learn more about the boats that were historically being utilized, built, and repaired in our community. Practice basic rowing or canoeing techniques, team and individual, at Anastasia State Park/Salt Run. Learn to cast a net and fish from shore with lines, poles, and cast nets (catch and release).

Day 2: Offshore interactions

Learn boat safety and basic navigation, and then travel to marina and board Sea Love Charter. Discover why our coastline was historically treacherous and our maritime community faces today. Go fishing offshore and learn more about what food resources are available. 8:30 AM start time on this day.

Day 3: Tourism and Recreation

Travel to Marineland and go on a Kayak Eco tour with Ripple Effects. Learn more about our intracoastal resources and how that environment has changed over time. Spend some leisure time at the beach following the historical traditions of visitors to our area.

Day 4: Modern working waterfront

Travel to Riberia Street in downtown St. Augustine to see modern shrimp boats and learn how shrimp go from ocean to market. Visit a modern sail making shop and see vessel repair and maintenance. Then climb the Lighthouse and analyze our coastline and Intracoastal Waterway. Learn more about the work our maritime archaeologists and conservationists do, and how that add to our rich coastal heritage.

Day 5: Onshore Interactions

Learn fish morphology and fish identification. Learn about harvesting oysters, shrimp and clams. Then travel to Genung's Fish Camp for a camp wrap and a short journey on a Litter Picker. Find out how our communities today have impacted our oceans and water ways while helping to keep our waters litter free.

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