

# Field Station Educator Position

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Chincoteague Bay Field Station  
**Application Due Nov 20th, 2016**  
**Interviews Begin Early December**

**Position Duration:**

**Full Season Positions**

**(6 available) Feb 21st to Nov 20<sup>st</sup> 2017**

**Partial Season Positions**

**(1 available) Feb 21st to Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 2017**

## **Benefits**

- **Competitive salary: \$660/bi-weekly**
- **On-site staff housing provided: furnished 800 sq. ft. two bedroom apt, one bathroom, kitchen and living room, central heat and A/C, shared with max. one roommate.**
- **On-station meals when programs in session–vegetarian friendly**
- **Free laundry facility attached to housing**
- **Opportunities for continued professional development and networking**

## Chincoteague Bay Field Station

Chincoteague Bay Field Station is the residential field station of the Marine Science Consortium. We are located near a wealth of ecologically significant and environmentally rich habitats, such as productive saltmarshes, pristine barrier island beaches, peaceful cypress swamps, and sheltering maritime forests. The Chincoteague Bay Field Station provides outstanding multi-disciplinary, educational and research opportunities that celebrate the rich natural, cultural, economic, and technological resources of the mid-Atlantic Coastal region through field-based and hands-on learning, often in affiliation with multiple public and private partners. To accomplish this mission, the Field Station provides a unique set of educational and research experiences; expand research collaborations among member universities, NASA Wallops Flight Facility, US Fish and Wildlife Service, National Park Service, and other public and private partners; expand and enhance programs for pre-college, university, and adult learners.



## Field Station Educator Position

Educators are trained to work with all programs (school, college, family and adult, and summer camp programs) and will work with learners of all levels, including K-12 students, college students, and adult learners. You will gain valuable and diverse knowledge regarding aquarium and field equipment use and maintenance, boat crew skills and boat safety, group leadership in laboratory and field settings, time management and marine husbandry. This highly demanding, but rewarding, job best fits individuals who work well independently and as part of a team. Candidates must demonstrate problem solving skills, time and group management skills, and enthusiasm for education and the environment.

***CBFS is dedicated to the goal of building a culturally diverse and pluralistic staff committed to teaching and working in a multicultural environment and strongly encourages minority applicants.***

### Key Responsibilities:

- Lead School Programs, Special Programs, Road Scholar Programs, College Programs, and Summer Camps
- Function as deck-hand and first mate on our flat-bottomed research vessels for all types of programs
- Work with groups of all ages, from five-year olds to adult learners
- Design summer camp schedule and curriculum (camp topics, titles, and essential elements are already in place, but you fill in the blanks and create new lesson plans and experiences for campers).
- Customer Service for program participants
- Leading outdoor programs such as kayaking and cycling
- Alertly and actively interact with and supervise participants, giving them undivided attention.
- Set- up, take down, cleaning and organizing program areas
- Assist in the coordination of program locations, movement/transportation of program participants.



- Work on weekly program maintenance tasks during non-program time
- Drive Field Station vehicles including 15 passenger vans and school buses. (Commercial Driver's License will be applied for in the course of job training).
- Learn to drive Field Station kayak and bike trailers
- Coordinate group check-ins and check-outs
- Prepare equipment, labs and housing for use.
- Enforce Field Station protocols and rules on Field Station property and in the field.
- Help clean and provide routine maintenance for field and lab equipment.
- Help clean and maintain aquaria.

- Represent the Field Station at outreach opportunities and special events
- Other duties as assigned.

### Preferred Experience:

- Teaching experience and/or leadership experience in informal education or camps
- Experience teaching multiple age groups, from young learners to adults of all ages
- Previous experience working on boats preferred but not necessary
- Experience with summer camps and/or outdoor adventure programs
- Kayaking, biking and tour group experience at plus!
- Would prefer a degree in Education, Outdoor Recreation, Marine Biology, Environmental Sciences or other relevant fields.



**Requirements:**

- Minimum BA or BS Degree
- Comfortable working long hours outdoors and on boats with learners of all ages
- Teaching experience and/or leadership experience
- Ability to pass background check in order to obtain NASA security clearance.
- Valid driver's license with 2 or fewer moving violations in the past 2 years and no DUI or DWI charges
- Must be willing to obtain a VA Commercial Driver's License

**Physical Requirements:**

- Ability to lift 50 lbs repeatedly
- Ability to walk a mile on uneven terrain
- Ability to stand for long periods of time
- Ability to learn how to handle lines and work with equipment on vessels
- Ability to work in extreme conditions (heat, cold, mosquitoes)

This position will start February 21st, 2017

This position will run from late Feb until mid-November.

Application Deadline: Nov 20, 2016

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**To Apply**

- Resume
- Cover Letter
- 4 references (3 professional or academic, 1 peer)
- Completed Educator Application Form  
<https://msconsortium.wufoo.com/forms/2017-cbfs-educator-application/>
- Answers to this year's short-answer questions (part of the application form)
  - What do you hope to gain professionally and personally from a position at the Chincoteague Bay Field Station
  - What inspired you to become involved in the field(s) of environmental education and/or marine biology?
  - Talk about your experiences being in a leadership role (professional, academic, camps, sports, clubs, organizations, etc.).

If you have any questions, please contact:

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