

2015 COASTAL SAMPLER PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Day 1

4:00 - 6:00 PM Program Check in at the Education Center

Check in at the field station, Meet Program staff and get moved into your housing.

There is no class the first night so you will have plenty of time to explore Chincoteague on your own. Visit the island creamery, Play mini golf or just chill out at the beach on Assateague.

Day 2

7:30 AM Breakfast in CBFS's Dining Hall

8:30 - 12:00 PM **Morning Activities**

Crabbing, Beach Exploration and Shelling on Wallops Island - This class starts at 8:30 AM. Families will travel to special access Wallops Island. This is where NASA does its Rocket Launches from! Educators will talk to you about the rocket launch pads and Navy facilities. Families will then travel to the beach on Wallops Island. This beach is pristine because it is closed to the general public, but you'll receive special access! Families will enjoy beach exploration activities. You'll find a gorgeous variety of shells on this isolated beach and spot other sea life (like dolphins and crabs) in the waves. Or just hang out building sand castles and soaking up the rays.

Travel then to the creek side of the island to go crabbing in the back docks. If you would like you can even visit the marsh area to learn up the awesome animals that live there and take a trip to the mud pit!! SO MUCH FUN!!

12:30 PM Lunch in CBFS's Dining Hall

1:00- 3:30 PM **Afternoon Activities**

Trip to Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge and the Intertidal Zone. Travel to the visitor center at the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge. Hear about the history of the refuge and the famous Wild Ponies of Assateague. After that, tour the visitor center's excellent exhibits before traveling to Tom's Cove. Visit Tom's Cove and use seine nets and sieves for organism collection. We will also spend time identifying the organisms that we collect.

5:00 PM Get ready for a seafood feast! Saturday night's meal is a seafood dinner that includes Shrimp, Crab, Potatoes, Corn on the cob and sausage cooked in a one pot meal. Alternative to the seafood dinner are Chicken, and Portobello mushroom.

6:30 PM **Campfire** - Enjoy a rousing family camp fire with songs and skits

Day 3

7:30 AM Breakfast in CBFS's Dining Hall

Check out and departure: See you next year!