Build Your Own Program
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Custom Experiences to Meet Your Learning Goals
BOOKING YOUR PROGRAM

If our current program offerings don’t fit your schedule or meet all of your needs, you can build your own program with us! You can tailor the number of days, classes, and lessons to fit your learning goals, curriculum requirements, and budget. Note: CBFS requires at least 1 adult per 12 children on program.

To reserve a spot on our calendar, a $50 nonrefundable deposit is required. This amount will be applied to your total. After reviewing and confirming your program schedule, a 50% deposit will be due. Your selected classes and amenities will be reserved after this payment is received.

Final payment is due 2 weeks prior to your program start date. A final count of program participants is also due at this time. Refunds will not be issued for any registered participants who cancel after this point.

Use the step-by-step guide below to determine program length, choose housing, and select your amenities and classes to calculate the total cost for your group.

STEP 1: CHOOSE YOUR LENGTH OF STAY AND DATES

Custom programs can be anywhere from half day to multi-day excursions. We are happy to teach one class as a supplement to another trip or host your group for a week. As you’re considering your program, please keep multiple potential dates in mind or a range of dates. Availability of dates is dependent upon field station resources and educator schedules.

**Please note that CBFS charges an Administration Fee of $100 per day.**

STEP 2: CONSIDER HOUSING AND MEAL OPTIONS

Residence Hall
Our dormitories are suite style with 4 rooms and 2 bathrooms to a suite. Each room contains 2 or 4 twin size beds. Each suite houses up to 14 people. ..........................................................$30 per person per night. 
Linens are available upon request with at least two weeks advance notice..........................................................$15 per person

Camping
If you want to reduce the cost of housing, but still stay on campus to maximize your learning, consider pitching your tents and camping out next to our campus fire ring. We will provide a key to one of our older style dorms to use the bathroom and shower. ..........................................................$80/night
Meals
Meals are prepared on site and served cafeteria-style in our modern dining hall. Breakfast spans an array of fruits, hot and cold cereals, meats, breads/biscuits, pancakes and eggs for your choosing. Lunches and dinners vary. A salad bar is available at both lunch and dinner.

Groups are not required to eat on campus and may schedule as many or as few meals as preferred. Vegetarian meals are available upon request. Please inform dining services staff of any allergies or dietary restrictions at meal times.

Breakfast ................................................................. $8.00/person (Minimum charge of $80/group)
Lunch ................................................................. $10.00/person (Minimum charge of $100/group)
Dinner ................................................................. $12.00/person (Minimum charge of $120/group)

Step 3: Choose your classes and additional experiences

Fill your schedule with a combination of traditional classes and/or additional field experience options!

Traditional classes are approximately 3 hours long and fit into morning, afternoon, or evening blocks unless otherwise specified. These classes have the option of being fully classroom based or combining classroom and field experiences. Traditional class options can be found starting on page 4.

Class prices are listed for groups (children and adults) of 1-14 or 15-23 participants. Groups of 1-14 will travel via 15 passenger vans, while groups of 15-23 will utilize CBFS’s school buses. If your group is larger than 23, participants will need to be divided into smaller groups participating in concurrent sessions. Pricing for traditional classes is listed at the beginning of page 4.

CBFS also offers additional field experiences and options, which don’t fit into our traditional class model. These experiences allow participants to take part in activities unique to our ecosystem (kayaking and biking), supplement their traditional classes (organism lab or dissection), or facilitate team bonding and camaraderie (campfire and team building). Additional field experiences and options are priced individually.

Step 4: Booking and Payment

Once you have a plan in mind for your program, please call the Adult and Family Education Coordinator to book your dates or with any questions:

Anne Self - Adult and Family Education Coordinator
757-824-5636 x106
afcoordinator@cbfieldstation.org

A $50 nonrefundable deposit is required to secure your dates. Upon payment of deposit, an invoice will be generated based on tentative program numbers. Final payment is due 2 weeks prior to your program start date.

A final count of program participants is also due at this time.
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Payments under $1000 can be made by check or credit card.
Payments over $1000 are only accepted via check or money order.

Cancellation Policy

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Classes
Class prices are listed for all children and adults in groups up to 14 people or up to 23 people. We require 1 field station educator per group of 23. For groups larger than 23, we ask that you divide your students into smaller groups participating in concurrent classes.

AM/PM/EVE classroom only ................................................................. $190
AM/PM with field experience (1-14) ..................................................... $265
AM/PM with field experience (15-23) .................................................... $310

Barrier Island & Dune Ecology
Learn how barrier islands form and change and why beach life isn’t as easy as you might think. For the field experience, head out to the beautiful, pristine Wallops Island*, home to NASA’s flight facility, to see this unique ecosystem for yourself!
*Foreign Nationals must submit additional paperwork 6 weeks in advance to be allowed access onto Wallops Island. Access is subject to approval by NASA. All adults must have Photo ID.

Intertidal Studies
Discover how the sun, moon, and earth create the tides and how life manages to survive in this extreme environment. Then head out into the field on Assateague Island to collect the organisms that call the intertidal zone home.

Wetland Ecology
Dive right in to discover what makes a saltmarsh so important and just who lives in this productive ecosystem. After investigating in the classroom, head into the field on Wallops Island* (or an alternate field site) to take the “productivity plunge” into the mud pit!
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Maritime Forest
Hike into the woods for a look at what makes up a forest! Investigate the maritime forest from top to bottom, identifying trees, animal inhabitants, & their survival tactics in this unique environment.

Ornithology
Learn how to identify birds by body shape, coloration, beak shape, and habitat. In the field, visit a variety of ecosystems with binoculars in hand to see how many birds you can identify.
**Classes Continued...**

**Fish Biology**
Learn all about the anatomy and adaptations of different fish by getting a closer look at our local fish species. Collect fish using sein nets, dip nets, and other sampling methods.

**Marine Invertebrates**
Dig deeper into the wild & wacky world of invertebrates. Use a variety of sampling methods to collect as many different organisms as you can and then head to the lab to use micro & macroscopes to study them.

**Terrestrial Invertebrates**
Learn about the incredible diversity of invertebrates that live on land. Then go on a hunt to find and examine as many terrestrial invertebrates as you can!

**Coastal Botany**
Dig deeper into the world of coastal plants. Get an up close look at salt marsh plants and understand why they are so important to coastal ecosystems. Then create a plant press of your favorite plant to take home with you!

**Sustainable Wetland Ecology**
Explore the plants and animals of this extremely productive ecosystem & discuss the importance of this vital coastal habitat as you engage in a service learning project at CBFS’s Living Shoreline.

**Nocturnal Adaptations Hike**
Test your night vision during this dark hike. Acquaint yourselves with nocturnal animals and the adaptations that make them successful as creatures of the night.

**only offered in the Evening**
ADDITIONAL OPTIONS & EXPERIENCES

The following experiences allow participants to take part in activities that supplement their traditional class selections, facilitate team bonding and camaraderie, or immerse participants further into the culture and ecosystems unique to the Mid-Atlantic region!

The following field experiences and opportunities are priced specific to each option.

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**Oceanography Research Cruise**

Climb aboard a vessel to hone your oceanographic skills by testing water quality, gathering data, & observing organisms caught in your trawl net. Minimum 12 people.

- AM/PM (1-14) base price $265
- AM/PM (15-23) base price $310
- Additional boat fee per person $35

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**Micro & Macro Organism Lab**

Get up close and personal with organisms of the Chincoteague Bay. Use field guides, dichotomous keys, & microscopes to examine and identify fish, invertebrates, zooplankton, and phytoplankton.

- AM/PM/EVE classroom only $190

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**Kayaking**

Learn to kayak and paddle your way through salt marshes or cypress swamps while learning all about these local tidal habitats. Must be at least 10 years old.

- AM/PM/EVE half day field experience (1-14) $380
- Full day field experience (1-14) $760

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**Organism Dissection**

Delve deeper into biology & explore internal anatomy through dissection. Options include sea cucumber, squid, or shark. Additional costs for organisms are per person and assume 1 organism for every 3 students. If you would like 1 organism per student, prices will increase.

- AM/PM/EVE hands-on class $190
- Sea cucumber (per person) $2
- Squid (per person) $3
- Shark (per person) $5

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**Campfire**

What better way to wrap up the day's adventures than with a good ol' campfire? Let our staff put on a show (or just serve the s'mores) and enjoy.

- EVE staff led songs, skits, & s'mores $75
- EVE chaperone led complimentary
**Crabbing**
Learn the art of crabbing as you get hands-on with the Mid-Atlantic’s famous Blue Crabs. Choose from catching crabs at our local fishing spot or head to restricted-access Wallops Island* to crab off their dock!
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| AM/PM local crabbing spot | .................................................................$190 |
| AM/PM with Wallops Island field experience (1-14) | .........................................................$265 |
| AM/PM with Wallops Island field experience (15-23) | .........................................................$310 |

**Team Building**
Does your troop, club, or group need to learn to work together? With our series of games and activities, we can have your team functioning in top form and reflect on how to improve even more.

| AM/PM/EVE campus only (1-23) | .............................................................................$190 |

**Gyotaku Fish Printing**
This traditional Japanese method of printing fish dates back to the mid-1800s. Learn about the origin of this art form and make your very own fish print on paper or bring along a white t-shirt to paint!

| AM/PM/EVE hands-on class | .............................................................................$190 |

**Assateague Bike Tour**
Assateague Island is home to the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge, and Assateague Island National Seashore. With miles of bike trails and roads, it’s a great place to explore with two wheels. Must bring your own bikes.

| AM/PM field experience | .............................................................................$275 |
### Example Schedule

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**Classes**

Day 1  
EVE= Nocturnal Adaptations Hike *(on campus)* ................................................................. $190.00

Day 2  
AM- Wetland Ecology *(with field experience)* ................................................................. $265.00
PM- Intertidal Studies *(with field experience)* ................................................................. $265.00
EVE- Micro & Macro Organism Lab *(on campus)* ................................................................. $190.00

Day 3  
AM- Oceanography Research Cruise *(14 people)* ................................................................. $755.00
PM- Barrier Island & Dune Ecology *(with field experience)* ........................................ $265.00
EVE- Campfire *(staff led songs, skits, & s'mores)* ......................................................... $75.00

**Residence Hall Suite**  
(3 nights at $30/person/night) ................................................................. $1260.00

**Meals**

Breakfast (3 meals for 14 people at $8.00/person) ............................................................. $336.00
Lunch (2 meals for 14 people at $10.00/person) ................................................................. $280.00
Dinner (2 meals for 14 people at $12.00/person) ................................................................. $336.00

**Additional Fees**

Custom Programs Administrative Fee *(4 days at $100/day)* .............................................. $400.00

**Group Total** ................................................................. $4617.00
**Per person Total (14 people)** ......................... $329.79
Final Notes

Allergy Information

Please make CBFS aware of all allergies at least 2 weeks in advance. While dining services is able to accommodate most allergies, we must know in advance to avoid cross contamination. In some cases, we may advise participants to bring their own supplemental food if the allergy is extremely severe. It is the participant’s responsibility to notify dining services staff of their allergies during meal times so that they may be given appropriate meals.

Wallops Island Access

Some of our classes take place on Wallops Island, which is a restricted access NASA base. Access to Wallops Island will depend on the security level of the base at the time, which is influenced by a number of factors independent of the Chincoteague Bay Field Station and it’s actions.

Adults 18 and older must bring a government-issued ID (driver’s license, passport, etc) to be allowed access onto the base.

In order to participate in the Wallops Island activities, all foreign nationals must complete additional paperwork at least 6 weeks in advance to be allowed access onto the base. Access is then subject to approval by NASA. If you are a foreign national enrolled in a Wallops Island class, please contact us to request the required forms.

Health and Waiver Forms

Health and waiver forms must be completed and signed by each participant (or a parent/guardian if participant is under 18) and are due 2 weeks prior to your program. A link to this form can be found on our Custom Program webpage and complete forms can be mailed, emailed, or faxed to us.

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For more information & to check available dates please contact:

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