

WINTER COASTAL ECOLOGY

Presented by Chincoteague Bay Field Station
Wallops Island, VA



WEDNESDAY
FEBRUARY 15

4:30-6PM **Check In (Please eat dinner beforehand)** _____ Education Center Lobby
6:30PM **Welcome and Orientation** _____ Education Center Lab
7:00PM **Winter Astronomy**
Discover the wonders of the winter night sky. From the winter solstice to constellations visible only during the winter months, see it all! Learn about the astronomical impacts upon the winter season, and observe the fascinating heavenly bodies through a telescope!

THURSDAY
FEBRUARY 16

7:30AM **Breakfast** _____ Dining Hall
8:45AM **Flocks and 'Flakes** _____ Education Center Lab
Uncover the exciting world of winter migration! Learn about why animals migrate and how those that stick around survive the cold. Then head out to the Chincoteague National Wildlife Refuge to explore habitats teeming with migrating waterfowl! Discover the unique adaptations of birds of prey, and use binoculars to observe and identify some of nature's most beautiful creatures!
12:00PM **Lunch** _____ Dining Hall
1:00PM **Chilling on the Beach** _____ Education Center Lab
Learn about the distinct differences between winter and summer beaches. Observe some of these differences first-hand on an exclusive barrier island, and shell in some of the best winter shelling territories on the Eastern Shore! Discover how to identify the shells you collect from an experienced naturalist, and learn about the animals that inhabited them!
****MUST BE A US CITIZEN AND BRING A GOVERNMENT-ISSUED ID****
5:00PM **Dinner** _____ Dining Hall
6:30PM **Campfire** _____ Campus Fire Ring
Enjoy an evening of traditional campfire fare. Your CBFS staff will entertain with a variety of fun skits and audience participation camp songs. Top off the night with the campfire tradition, a delicious s'more snack!

FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 17

7:30AM **Breakfast** _____ Dining Hall
9:00AM **Check Out and Wrap Up** _____ Education Center Lab
10:00AM **Frosty Forests**
Take a tour through one of the Shore's most unique ecosystems, the maritime forest, by hiking to the famous Assateague lighthouse! You'll learn how to identify plants in the winter time without their tell-tale foliage and discover why some plants lose their leaves, while others are green year round.