



Chincoteague Bay Field Station

Here are a few tips on how to prepare for the trip:

Health & Waiver Form

Everyone must have a signed completed form on arrival. Forms are available on our website or through your group leader.

What to Pack

- Water bottle and reusable coffee mug
- A sleeping bag or bedding for a twin bed
- A pillow
- A towel and beach towel
- Soaps, toiletries, etc.
- Backpack to carry into the field
- Clothes for **all** weather (warm, cold and wet!)
- Rain jacket and rain pants (you are likely to be in water above the knees!)
- Marsh shoes that cover your toes and can get wet*
- Plastic bag to pack wet or muddy clothes
- Camera
- Notebook and pencil
- Extra pair of dry shoes and socks
- Sunscreen and sunglasses
- Anything your professor told you to bring!

*We have extra marsh shoes (not many), let us know if you would like to borrow a pair!

Vessels

If your visit will include a boat trip please keep the following in mind.

- **Required footwear:** Tennis shoes that tie tightly, cover your toes, and can get wet. No "water shoes", Keens, or sandals. Rain boots and hiking boots are acceptable. If your footwear is not approved by the boat captain, you will be left on shore.

- If your group is trawling, volunteers are required for trawling. Please watch the instructional videos on our website.

Wallops Visit

- **State or federal picture ID**
- If you are not a US citizen please contact us

Housing

We have 2 types of student housing. Where you stay will depend on the arrangements your group has made. Salicornia Hall is a newer building with full climate control and improved bathrooms. Traditional dorms are older, smaller and feature loft beds. All student housing has double occupancy rooms with twin beds. Males and females have separate housing.

Meals

Our cafeteria provides hot meals 3 times a day. If you have any special dietary needs or allergies please make sure our staff is informed before your trip.

After Your Visit

- Clean rooms/suites
- Remove garbage from lab and housing
- Clean the lab

Other Important Stuff

- Cell phone reception is limited on campus
- There is wifi in the labs, cafeteria and some rooms in Salicornia- Password is **mscva123**
- There are coin operated laundry machines
- Our store is stocked with awesome logo wear
- There is a fire pit and charcoal grill for your use

University Rules

The Chincoteague Bay Field Station is an academic institution; our philosophy of shared tolerance and respect helps uphold a professional learning environment. The rules listed below assure the health and safety of all participants. If there are questions or comments please speak with the College Program Coordinator.

1. Possession, consumption and distribution of alcohol or illegal substances is forbidden. **Individuals or groups will be dismissed without refund** and students and faculty will be subject to member university rules and regulations.
2. You are responsible for the upkeep of your rooms and common areas during your stay. Dispose of trash and recycling appropriately. Full containers must be emptied at the dumpsters near the maintenance building. You are responsible for emptying containers in dorms, lounge, and labs.
3. Do not store perishable items, such as food or beach collections, in rooms.
4. We are a Smoke- Free campus, with the exception of the college patio. Cigarette butts must be put out and thrown in the trash.
5. **Quiet hours are 10pm – 7am.** During these hours gatherings are permitted in common areas only. Sounds should be off or contained by headphones for all electronic devices. Noises carry throughout campus; please respect others by keeping volume low.
6. Visitation of others' residence areas is only permitted from **9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**
7. Do not remove equipment from storage rooms or labs without permission. Do not use equipment you have not been authorized to use.
8. Keep doors CLOSED to keep out mosquitoes.
9. Keep mud/sand out of showers by using outside hoses or showers to rinse off.
10. Muddy/sandy people who enter the common areas commit to cleaning these areas.
11. Participants must wear shoes on all parts of field station property. Students should also respect their own well-being by drinking water, wearing sunscreen and dressing in weather appropriate clothing.
12. The CBFS campus speed limit is 20 mph. Be aware of heavy foot traffic.
13. Weapons, fireworks, and other dangerous items are not allowed.
14. University and school age participants have separate common areas. Be aware of these boundaries and treat them with respect.
15. Respect the rules and employees of all our partners including CNWR and NASA.
16. Follow Check-In and Check-Out procedures at the beginning and end of your stay.
17. If you are absent from any activity, inform your group leader. Avoid unnecessary searches.
18. Treat all forms of life (human, animal and plant) with respect.

THANK YOU & ENJOY YOUR STAY!