Chincoteague Bay Field Station

Labor Day Family Camp

September 4-7, 2026

Friday September 4

6-8PM Check-in _____ Education Center

8:00 PM Welcome, Orientation, & T-Shirt Tie Dye _____ Education Center

Saturday September 5

8:00AM Breakfast _____ Dining Hall

9:00AM Barrier Island & Dune Ecology _____ Education Center Lab

Learn how barrier islands form and change and why beach life isn't as relaxing as you might think. Head out into the field on Wallops Island to build your very own dune system and learn what makes this ever changing environment so unique! Afterwards, go on a shell and marine debris collection walk!

- Hat, sunscreen, bug spray, water bottle
- Comfortable shoes
- Bag for collecting shells
- Binoculars and/or camera optional

12:30PM Lunch _____ Dining Hall

1:30PM Fisheries _____ Education Center Lab

Learn all about the world of fishing and fisheries! You will explore the world of harvesting resources from the ocean, and then put your knowledge to work as a fisherman yourself! Use fishing rods and crabbing materials to collect some of the awesome critters who call our waters home.

- Hat, sunscreen, water bottle
- Comfortable clothing and shoes

5:30PM Grill out _____ Campus Fire Ring

7:00PM Campfire _____ Campus Fire Ring

Enjoy an evening of traditional campfire fare while getting to know the other families! Top the night off with the campfire tradition - S'MORES!

Sunday September 6

8:00AM Breakfast & Family Picture _____ Dining Hall

9:00AM Intertidal Studies _____ Education Center Lab

Learn about the tides and the effect they have on the critters that live in the Intertidal Zone. Get hands-on and up close by traveling to Tom's Cove to collect intertidal critters using seine nets and sieve boxes!

- Hat, sunscreen, water bottle
- Clothing and secure shoes that can get wet
- Bathing suit worn under clothing (for changing after)
- Bag for wet clothing
- Change of clothes and shoes
- Towel

12:30PM Lunch _____ Dining Hall

1:30PM Squid Dissection _____ Education Center Lab

Put your biology skills to the test as you learn all about squids and what makes these cephalopods tick! You'll take a deep dive into squid anatomy and body processes while getting truly hands-on.

- Comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes
- Water bottle

5:15PM Dinner _____ Dining Hall

5:45PM Free Night

Spend the evening with your family exploring the island of Chincoteague! Play putt-putt, visit the refuge, or get an ice cream cone from the award-winning Island Creamery!

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Monday
September 7

8:00AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
8:30AM	Check Out	Education Center Lobby
	Memories Craft Activity	Education Center Lobby

Thank you for joining us!