Chincoteague Bay Field Station

Boy Scout Oceanography Badge Weekend

September 12 - 14, 2025

Friday September 12

6-7:30 PM Check-in _____ Education Center
7:30 PM Welcome and Boat Safety Lecture _____ Education Center Lab

Spend some time getting to know your educator and see what you will be doing throughout the weekend! You'll go over your schedule and learn the basics of an Oceanography Research Cruise!

Saturday September 13

8:00AM Breakfast _____ Dining Hall
9:00AM Intro to Oceanography _____ Education Center Lab

Learn everything you need to know about Oceanography as a science and field of work. You'll discuss everything from waves and currents to ocean chemistry to the organisms that live there!

- Comfortable clothing and shoes
- Writing utensil

12:30PM Lunch _____ Dining Hall
1:30PM Oceanography Research Cruise _____ Education Center Lab

Climb aboard a vessel to hone your oceanography skills by testing water quality, gathering data, and observing organisms captured in the trawl net!

- Sturdy, closed toe shoes (sneakers or boots recommended)
- Weather appropriate layers
- Hat, sunscreen, water bottle

5:15PM Dinner _____ Dining Hall
6:00PM Marine Invertebrates _____ Education Center Lab

Dig deeper into the wild and wacky world of invertebrates! You'll get to use a variety of sampling methods to collect as many different organisms as you can before examining them up close.

- Clothing and shoes that can a bit get wet
- Hat, sunscreen, water bottle

Sunday September 14

8:00AM Breakfast _____ Dining Hall
9:00AM Organism Lab _____ Education Center Lab

Continue working with the organisms gathered during the Research Cruise and Marine Invertebrates as you learn all about taxonomy then use field guides, microscopes, and more to identify and learn more about these cool critters!

10:30AM Badge Approvals _____ Education Center Lab
11:00AM Check-Out _____ Education Center Lobby

Thank you for joining us!

Things to do Prior to Arrival

While all field portions and some knowledge components of the badge requirements, will be completed during the trip, there are some additional requirements that scouts will need to complete on their own time to earn their full merit badge.

Requirements Completed During the Trip:

Requirement 1
Requirement 2
Requirement 3
Requirement 4
Requirement 5
Requirement 6
Requirement 7
Requirement 9

Requirements Not Completed During the Trip:

Requirement 8
*Scouts will have an opportunity to present their speech if they choose option C. Other options (A or B), can be submitted to the merit badge counselor for approval prior to the trip or at the trip's conclusion.

*Requirements not completed during the trip can be submitted prior to or upon arrival for review by a merit badge counselor. Please submit any materials to:

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