

SERC 2012 Summer Camp Descriptions

Camp Discovery I 9am-3pm (July 2,3,5,6), a 4 day camp
 Camp Discovery II 9am-3pm (July 23-27)
Students entering grades 1 and 2 *Camp is limited to 24 students*

Each camp provides a variety of new experiences while revisiting favorite activities.

Campers will discover the wonders of nature using the many trails, wetlands and meadows at SERC. They will try their hand at crabbing, seining for fish as well as meeting live animals. Games, arts and crafts and hands-on activities will be used to help teach campers to be good stewards of the land and the Chesapeake Bay.

Creeks, Creatures & Canopies I 9am-4pm (July 9-13)
 Creeks, Creatures & Canopies II 9am-4pm (July 16-20)
Students entering grades 3 and 4 *Camp is limited to 30 students*

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Using the 2600 acre campus of the SERC discover the diversity of life by exploring the wetlands, forests, creeks, rivers, plants and animals of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. Investigate different types of ecosystems looking at the adaptive behavior of plants and animals, food webs and hydrology. Try your hand at crabbing and seining for fish. Games and arts and crafts are part of each day. Wednesday is fieldtrip day off campus.

Environmental Detectives I 9am-4pm (July 30-August 3)
 Environmental Detectives II 9am-4pm (August 6-10)
Students entering grades 5 and 6 *Camp is limited to 30 students*

Each camp provides a variety of new experiences while revisiting favorite activities.

Using our campus as a backdrop become a SERC sleuth. Investigative and detective skills will help campers try to uncover the mysteries and the diversity of life in the Chesapeake watershed. Climb aboard a canoe to develop team-building skills. Take hikes to observe old-growth trees, birds, and plants; identify animal tracks; and discuss biodiversity. Try your hand at crabbing and seining for fish. Explore Corn Island and the Contee Farm. Wednesday is fieldtrip day off campus.

Bay Adventurer 9am-5pm (June 25-29)
Students entering grades 7 and 8 *Camp is limited to 12 students*

Come learn and explore the science and culture of the Chesapeake Bay watershed both on land and water. We will spend the week discovering what this ecosystem has to offer, both on our 2600 acre campus and traveling to other exciting locations around our watershed. Thursday night will be an overnight adventure on SERC property.

Bay Trekker: Potomac River Journey overnight camp (June 24-29)
Students entering grades 9, 10 and 11 *Camp is limited to 14 students*

Join an exciting journey of environmental exploration and student leadership development. Setting out from SERC, we will follow the Potomac River from its mountain headwaters in Shenandoah National Park downstream to the Chesapeake Bay islands. **Students will fully immerse themselves in the river's resources and environmental issues through camping, hiking, collecting scientific data, and sampling local culture. We'll explore the interconnectedness of life in the watershed and meet people who study, restore, and make their livelihoods from the river and Bay.** This is a 6 day, 5 night camp, beginning on Sunday afternoon ending on Friday afternoon. Campers are required to fill out a short essay application.

Entering Grade	Dates	Camp Name	Price/ Deposit/ Balance
1 and 2	July 2,3,5,6 (4 day)	Camp Discovery I	\$195/ \$50/ \$145
	July 23-27	Camp Discovery II	\$215/ \$50/ \$165
3 and 4	July 9-13	Creeks, Creatures & Canopies I	\$310/ \$50/ \$260
	July 16-20	Creeks, Creatures & Canopies II	\$310/ \$50/ \$260
5 and 6	July 30-Aug 3	Environmental Detective I	\$310/ \$50/ \$260
	August 6-10	Environmental Detective II	\$310/ \$50/ \$260
7 and 8	June 25-29	Bay Adventurer	\$395/ \$50/ \$345
9, 10 and 11	June 24-29	Bay Trekker	\$600/\$50/\$550



Deposit

The non-refundable deposit is due with the registration. The balance is due on May 22, 2012.

Discount

We offer a 5% discount if your child attends both sessions of the chosen camp and a \$10 sibling discount.

Cancellation

If registration is cancelled after the full payment is made on May 22nd, one half of the balance of the camp will be refunded. If cancellation occurs less than two weeks prior to the start of camp, there will be no refund.

Once you are registered

You will receive e-mail confirmation of your child's placement in camp. You will receive a packet of forms that are due **TWO weeks prior to the beginning of your child's camp. No camper will be admitted to camp without all forms first being reviewed by the SERC camp staff.**

Extended Day Care

Morning	8am until the beginning of camp	\$25 per week
Afternoon	End of camp until 5:30 pm	\$50 per week-includes a snack
	Bay Adventurer ONLY	\$20 per week

Pick-up after 5:30 pm will be billed at \$10.00 per half hour increment

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Summer Camps 2012

The Smithsonian Environmental Research Center is located 7 miles south of Annapolis on 2,650 acres of wildlife preserve on the Chesapeake Bay. We offer a wide range of outdoor and hands-on camps for children in 1st-11th grade. Campers will learn about nature and the environment through hands-on activities such as seining, arts and crafts, canoeing, using microscopes, and more!

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Registration is online ONLY

<http://www.doubleknot.com/Registration/CalendarDetail.asp?ActivityKey=1115012&OrgKey=2569>

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More Information on Each Camp Inside!