

Barrier Island Environmental Education Program

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Program Goals

- To introduce students, teachers, and chaperones to various ecological concepts such as habitats, adaptations, variety, similarity, behavior, communities, conservation, etc.
- To help children overcome fears associated with the outdoors by teaching them how to better understand nature and to recognize that we are a part of it.
- To spark students' interest in science through the use of hands-on, experiential learning.

Organization

Barrier Island Environmental Education Program is a non-profit educational service for public and private school youth. It was developed with the guidance and strength of the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center. The past and present support received from participating schools proves its value and makes its continuing existence possible.

Physical Set-Up

The Barrier Island program is held on site at St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, located on Seabrook Island, 25 miles south of Charleston, South Carolina. This site encompasses nearly 300 acres of pristine maritime forest, salt marsh, and a mile of beachfront. Participants sleep in winterized cabins located within the dunes. Groups of up to 170 people can be accommodated. The dining hall is a short walk from the cabins. While nature provides the main classroom setting, other classroom buildings include a herpetarium, aquarium, arts and crafts building, and recreation hall. An activity field is available for outdoor recreation.

Staff

The staff includes the director, administrator, and a teaching staff (Naturalists) of college graduates. Naturalists take the children, in groups averaging between 10-17 students, through their morning and afternoon classes, which have been pre-selected by their classroom teachers. The Naturalists also lead afternoon recreational activities and evening programs. St. Christopher maintains full-time administrative, food service, housekeeping, and maintenance staffs.

Teacher Involvement

Each participating school is required to have at least one teacher on-site at all times. The visiting teachers, with the help of parent volunteers, supervise the children 24 hours/day...during classes, overnight in the cabins, and during brief free periods throughout the day. We strongly encourage follow-up studies and activities after a Barrier Island trip.

Experiential Education

Barrier Island is one of a few programs in the Southeast which offers opportunities in experiential outdoor education. The value of educational trips is difficult to measure, and often underestimated. The firsthand educational experience gained on a worthwhile trip can seldom be duplicated in the classroom. Sometimes classroom learning is restricted to memorizing and learning from books; experiential education provides students with opportunities to put into practice the knowledge and skills learned in the classroom.

Curriculum

The Barrier Island curriculum is designed to be an extension of the classroom curriculum. Although the classes, for the most part, are based on local barrier island ecology, they deal with universal concepts and touch many subject areas - science, history, and physical education. All of the classes are activity-oriented. Participation of the entire group keeps everyone interested whether the group is involved in a scientific experiment on the beach, collecting samples from the pond, playing a game illustrating food webs, or playing Hide and Seek to demonstrate the importance of camouflage. With this approach, children often learn without realizing it. Instead of being lectured, children learn to find answers to their questions through their own efforts.

Schools using bus transportation

It is our policy that you bring at least one vehicle to be used in case of an emergency. If the bus driver(s) want to eat a meal or stay overnight at Barrier Island, arrangements must be confirmed IN ADVANCE with Teri. See website for cost for drivers - meals and lodging are separate.

Barrier Island Teacher Checklist

2 Weeks after reservation is made

- Confirm that you received your contract with Teri, Barrier Island Administrator. The non-refundable deposit amount and due date are listed on the contract. Sign and return the contract with the nonrefundable deposit by this date.

3 Months in advance

- If your original numbers have dropped significantly (below 70%), or if you need to cancel your reservation, this is the last date that you can do so without penalty beyond your deposit. *NOTE: If you cancel your reservation or significantly reduce your number within 90 days of your scheduled visit, you will be responsible for a payment equal to 70% of the latest agreed-upon numbers received by the 90-day deadline.*

1 Month in advance

- Reservation Information Form due (make sure to include tentative number of participants)
- Copy of certificate of school liability insurance due.
- Send Permission & Medical History forms home with students to be completed by parents/guardians
- Curriculum Request due.
- Confirm final numbers of boy, girl, adult male, and adult female participants with Teri.

2 Weeks in advance

- Fax/email Dietary Issues Form
- Fax/email Behavioral/Developmental/Physical Concerns Form
- Call/email and confirm classes, numbers, field groups, table groups, and cabin groups. Make us aware of any last minute changes and special needs/concerns.
- Design nametags with participants' name, cabin, table and field group assignments. Please make nametags semi-permanent/waterproof since they will be worn during all activities.
- Make certain that attending teachers and chaperones know their responsibilities. Remember that everyone (students, teachers, chaperones) needs to participate in all classes and activities.
- Remind students that they will be away from home, living in a cabin with other students and adults for a few days. They will need to be prepared to function and cooperate responsibly in a close social community. Other school groups may be attending concurrently, which may require extra attention to behavior and manners as groups interact.

Arrival at Barrier Island

- Bring Permission & Medical History with you to hand in as soon as you arrive.* If your school needs access to this information while on-site, please make copies to keep with you.
- Final payment (made out to The Anglican Diocese of South Carolina) is due upon arrival.

Assigning Groups

Two weeks before your trip, Teri will send you an email with how many field groups, table groups, and cabin groups you are allotted. This information will go on each participant's nametag. Please do not assign students to any groups before receiving the group assignment email from Teri.

Field groups

Named by letter: A, B, C, etc. These are the groups that students are in during their classes and evening activities. They usually consist of 10-17 students and must have at least 1 adult.

Table groups

Named by numbers: 1, 2, 3, etc. These are the groups you will sit with in the dining hall. There is a maximum of 12 people per table and must have at least 1 adult. ***(Currently that capacity has been reduced to 8 per table due to COVID- restoration of 12 per table has yet to be determined).***

Cabin groups

Teri will give you specific cabin names. These are the groups you will be sleeping with. Each cabin holds 10 people and must have at least 1 adult. However, we strongly recommend 2 adults per cabin. ***(Currently that capacity has been reduced to 8 total due to COVID- restoration of 10 per cabin has yet to be determined).***

We will do our best to honor your requests for the numbers of groups, but please be flexible, and do not begin assigning participants into groups until you have confirmed everything.

A Typical Schedule at Barrier Island

Depending on which half of the week you arrive, your schedule may look something like this:

Monday-Wednesday

Monday

11:30-12:00	Arrive and go to cabins
12:15-1:30	Lunch
2:00-3:00	Orientation, Tour
3:00-5:00	Class
6:00-7:00	Dinner
7:30-9:30	Evening activities & snack
10:00	Lights Out!

Tuesday

8:30-9:15	Breakfast
9:30-11:30	Class
12:30-1:30	Lunch
2:00-4:00	Class
4:30-5:15	Free Time
6:00-7:00	Dinner
7:30-9:30	Evening activities & snack
10:00	Lights Out!

Wednesday

8:00-8:45	Breakfast
8:45-9:15	Clean cabins
9:30-11:30	Class
12:00-12:45	Picnic Lunch
1:00	Goodbye!

Wednesday-Friday

Wednesday

11:30-12:00	Arrival
12:15-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:00	Go to cabins
2:00-3:00	Orientation, Tour
3:00-5:00	Class
6:00-7:00	Dinner
7:30-9:30	Evening activities & snack
10:00	Lights Out!

Thursday

8:30-9:15	Breakfast
9:30-11:30	Class
12:30-1:30	Lunch
1:45-2:30	Beach Recreation
3:00-5:00	Class
6:00-7:00	Dinner
7:30-9:30	Evening activities & snack
10:00	Lights Out!

Friday

8:00-8:45	Breakfast
8:45-9:15	Clean cabins
9:30-11:30	Class
12:00-12:45	Lunch
1:00	Goodbye!

Please note that this is a tentative schedule.

TEACHER INFORMATION:

Even after you arrive at Barrier Island, with checklist completed and children in tow, your job is not finished.

YOU are the primary educator for your students, and they will pattern their response to this program after yours. We require teacher/chaperone participation in all of our classes, as well as during our Beach Recreation (free time) and evening programs. This type of outdoor, experiential education offers unique opportunities for students and teachers to interact and to see each other in an educational environment outside of the classroom. You set the example.

Safety and Supervision Policy

All schools are required to provide adequate chaperones to supervise free time, cabins and help with class supervision. A chaperone is any person screened by the school to be competent in a supervisory role for students (i.e. 18yrs old or older, with background check on file with school).

For safety reasons, we require that at least one chaperone accompany all classes. Although the Barrier Island staff is trained to handle discipline problems, chaperones are required to help in discipline. Any training or help you can give your chaperones prior to their trip will help them deal with children that require more attention and/or distract from class.

These are our recommended supervision ratios:

Overnight: 2 chaperones/10 students * *Currently cabin capacity is 8 total due to COVID*
Classes: at least 1 chaperone/15 students (in addition to the naturalist)
Mealtimes: at least 1 chaperone at each table (tables seat 12) **Currently due to COVID, tables seat 8*
Freetime: 1 chaperone/10 students

In addition, we require that at least one teacher from each school be present, on property at all times. Teachers and other adult chaperones from your school, are needed to supervise children when they are not involved in a Barrier Island class or activity (e.g. overnight in cabins, before and after meals, between classes, etc.) We ask that one adult sit at each table during meal times to assist the Barrier Island staff with supervision. Prior to each meal we will have a moment of silence for those that would like to have personal prayer, reflection, or quiet time.

NOTE: Swimming is not permitted. There are times when wading is allowed, such as during Beach Recreation, while seining, or after the mud pit, but otherwise children should not be in the water.

Evacuation Policy

Since we are located on the southern coast of SC, rarely will a hurricane approach our location, however, once the hurricane is 3 days out from St. Christopher, we will issue an evacuation of all guests. With this in mind, all 3 day field trips will never need to be evacuated, because the trip will be cancelled before you arrive. However, 5 day field trips do have the possibility of requiring evacuation. When it is deemed necessary, the school office will be notified, and arrangements for student pick-up will be dealt with through the lead teacher/administrator for your school.

Reservation Policy

On the first of each month at 6:00am, all the dates for that same month in the following year become available. For example, on November 1st, 2021 at 6:00am, all of November 2022 becomes available. You will need to know the desired dates, number of children and adults, and alternate dates when

making the reservation. Please know that we try our best to accommodate everyone, however we do ask that you be flexible when reserving dates. There is a link to our online reservation form on our website.

Rates (see the Rate Page of our website for current charges)

Our rates include the following services: complete program including professional teaching and support staff, overnight accommodations, and all meals and snacks.

Souvenirs

All Barrier Island merchandise will be available through the St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center Gift Shop. This will allow access to additional St. Christopher merchandise as well. Gift shop hours will be assigned by field group to maximize shopping time and minimize wait time. The Gift Shop can accept cash, check and credit cards (Visa and MasterCard only).

If you prefer to pre-order souvenirs and pay with a single check from the school, please contact the gift shop manager in advance so we have time to pull your order and have it ready for you.

Before and after you arrive, feel free to communicate any problems, expectations, or observations to the Barrier Island administration. We, in turn, will do the same. Clear communication and cooperation is essential for the program to run smoothly for everyone. We greatly appreciate your feedback and would like all adults present on the trip to fill out our online evaluation after returning home (available at www.barrierisland.org).

Barrier Island Chaperone Information:

Thank you for joining the children in this unique adventure to the Barrier Island Environmental Education Program. Your participation in this field trip is very important. We want your experience to be enjoyable, so please read this letter carefully so that you fully understand your role and responsibilities in the Barrier Island community. Our program is designed to benefit all participants, and we encourage you to become involved with classes and other activities.

About Your Cabin:

Cabins have bunk beds for sleeping. Each cabin has at least one sink, shower, and toilet. All cabins have heat and air-conditioning. You will be in charge of one cabin. Some cabins are stand-alone cabins while others may be connected to other cabins, but the only thing these cabins share are porches. Each cabin is its own private unit.

Cabin Supervision:

One of the chaperone's main responsibilities is cabin supervision. You will function as parent, policeman, and role model.

Please be sensitive to the needs of your children. Many of them may be away from home for the first time. Some may need definite limits enforced. Children tend to follow your example with responsibilities such as cabin clean-up, quiet periods, and bedtime. Check with teachers to learn of any special needs to consider in settling your group. (For example, bed-wetters shouldn't sleep on top bunks; incompatible campers shouldn't sleep next to each other.)

Do not allow reckless or irresponsible behavior in the cabin; people get hurt and facilities are damaged when children are rowdy and/or unsupervised. Any damages incurred by a student's reckless behavior will be billed to the student. If your group has excess energy, take them to the beach for a game. Keep your cabin groups together; either go as a group to the beach or have everyone stay in the cabin. No student is allowed to go anywhere without an adult.

At the first opportunity, you should sit down with your cabin group and discuss various procedures. The more involved the students get in policy-making, the more agreeable they are to those policies. Here is a list of suggested topics: Introductions, Morning Clean-Up, Shower Schedule, Appropriate Behavior, Storage of Clothes, Lights-Out Time (10:00pm), Departure Preparations on Wednesday or Friday, and Cabin Clean-Up.

It is mandatory that every cabin be supervised by an adult throughout the night. Chaperones also need to supervise in cabins before and after each meal, during rest time, between classes, and after the evening programs. Chaperones are responsible for the safety of the children at these times.

Evening programs and snack generally conclude at 9:30pm. Students and chaperones are to return to their cabins by 9:30 to prepare for bed and have lights out by 10:00pm.

We ask that if you take your cabin group out early in the morning, please make sure they are quiet when they are in the cabin area. This is to ensure that other camp guests can sleep or otherwise enjoy the quiet time. Early morning beach walks are a great way to start the day; however, early morning basketball games in the middle of the cabin area are a great way to ensure you'll have cranky classmates!

Camp Rules:

- Students are not allowed to go anywhere without an adult.

- Swimming is not permitted. Please help us keep students out of the water. There are two times when your assistance will be especially important.
 - If you are chaperoning a SEINING class (where kids drag a net through the water to catch fish), please help by keeping those kids not directly involved in pulling the net out of the water until it is their turn. The instructor leading this class will give directions before you begin, but many times the kids will sneak into the water while the instructor is busy with the net. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.
 - If your school has selected LET'S SEA, the class culminates with a trip to the mud pit! After leaving the mud pit, the children are allowed to wade up to their knees in the water, sit down, and rinse off before returning to the outdoor showers in the cabin area.
- **LIVE ANIMALS MUST NOT BE TAKEN FROM THE BEACH!** Many children will want to take home a live sand dollar or hermit crab. If you are not sure whether a shell contains an animal, put the shell in a designated spot before a meal, check to see if its still there after the meal. If the shell moved, you've got a live hermit crab; simply return it to the beach. If the sand dollar is "furry," there's a good chance it's alive. Return it to the water. We teach respect for all living things, please help us with this.
- To maintain privacy, students should only go into their own cabin.
- No food, candy, gum, or soda is allowed in cabins. These things attract critters as well as contribute to the litter problem.
- Make sure lights and water are turned off and your cabin door and windows are closed when no one is in the cabin.
- Clothes and shells must not be washed in the cabin sinks. There are outdoor showers for these things. Sand and mud are a problem here at the beach and they clog the drains.
- Groups in connected cabins should keep noise to a minimum and not disturb others in adjacent cabins. It is also helpful to coordinate bedtimes and lights-out with these other chaperones.
- No radios, electronic games, or similar devices are allowed. Part of the Barrier Island experience is to enjoy spending time with each other.
- Make sure that all children in your cabin have turned in their medicine to the teacher or chaperone from your school who is responsible for medication administration.
- Alcoholic beverages are forbidden while at Barrier Island. If you smoke, please smoke outside only, and away from children. Please throw your extinguished cigarette butts in a trashcan.
- Children are not allowed to use a phone without permission from a teacher or the Barrier Island Director.

Classes:

Many adults who have been to Barrier Island comment that they learned as much from the classes as the students learned. We require at least one adult to accompany each class in order to help with discipline and safety. Classes cannot begin until an adult from your group is present, so please be on time. You are invited and encouraged to participate in all classes and activities; however, please remember that these classes are first and foremost for the students.

Cell Phone Use:

We understand that many of you may still be "working" while you are here at Barrier Island, so important phone calls may come up. Please be respectful of others; if you are in the middle of a class, please step away from the group so as not to disrupt the teaching and activities. Make sure that you are still available to help and monitor students if needed, and please keep your time on the phone limited. Cell phone use

in the cafeteria is not permitted. Also, please do not allow students to use your phone to call home without first checking with a teacher. Many times homesickness is made worse when a child hears Mom's or Dad's voice.

Cabin Clean-Up:

On the final morning, the following clean-up procedure should be done in the cabins by the students:

- Take ALL belongings and ALL luggage to the bus before breakfast.
- Assign cleaning duties listed on the cleaning caddy checklist, and monitor their completion.
- Check outside for any litter and lost items; bag all trash and take to the designated dumpsters.
- Please rinse out mud pit clothes and shoes, put them in a trash bag and take them home. You can wash these and give them to any organization accepting clothing donations. Please do not throw them in our trash cans.

Evacuation Policy:

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Once you've read and understood your responsibilities, you can relax, enjoy the beach, and take part in a most eye-opening adventure for the kids and yourself. At any time during your stay, please feel free to approach any of our staff with questions or to request assistance. We look forward to meeting you!

After your trip is over, we welcome your feedback. Please complete our online evaluation available at www.barrierisland.org.

Barrier Island Parent Information:

Welcome to Barrier Island! Your child is one of the select few able to go to Barrier Island this year. In order for your child to be well-prepared for her/his visit, we have prepared this letter. Our parent letter will share with you who we are, what we do, and what your child needs in order to have a fun and successful trip to Barrier Island.

Barrier Island Environmental Education Program is a marine science field trip offered by St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center on Seabrook Island, South Carolina. We are located just 30 minutes south of Charleston, on pristine barrier island property with a mile of beach front, and more than 200 acres of undeveloped maritime forest and salt marsh. Dolphins, migrating birds, sea turtles, crabs, shrimp, raccoons, and alligators are just a few of the creatures found here. It is the perfect place for learning about nature, playing in mud, and learning social skills with classmates.

The emphasis of the program is on education, not recreation, although we strongly believe in making learning fun. For example, "Let's Sea" is our two-hour discovery walk on the beach studying barrier island formation, sand dune ecology, seashell identification, and salt marsh life (where students get in the mud). Another favorite is "Need A Friend," a two-hour class focusing on communication and teamwork (even with people you don't like!). The kids really get into "Pondering Life", the one-hour class where students learn about freshwater ecology, insect metamorphosis, tadpoles, and the nutrient rich detritus that enriches our sandy soil. After dinner, evening programs begin, which are generally more recreational than the daytime classes. Following an evening snack, the kids retire to their cabins for the night.

Children sleep in comfortable, climate-controlled cabins in units of up to nine children and one or more adults-either teachers or parent chaperones (*Due to COVID concerns, at this time, cabin capacity has been reduced to 8 total*). During your child's stay, supervision will be provided 24 hours a day by teachers and chaperones, and by the Barrier Island teaching staff during daytime classes and evening programs. As in any school, misconduct will not be tolerated. Children who severely neglect Barrier Island rules may be sent home, without refund. Any damages incurred by reckless behavior will be the responsibility of the student's caregiver.

A completed Permission & Medical History Form (*and a Health Screening Questionnaire- due to COVID*) must be on file at Barrier Island for any student in attendance. Please be sure to inform your child's teacher of any dietary restrictions and environmental allergies (i.e. insect bite reactions) in addition to listing on this form so that we are prepared for your child's arrival.

An experienced food service staff will provide a carefully planned, well-balanced, menu. If your child has special dietary restrictions (due to diabetes, allergies, religion, etc.) please make sure to let your child's teacher know ahead of time, so they can notify us. If there are significant dietary restrictions, you may need to send pre-prepared food for your child that can be reheated in a microwave or eaten cold or room temperature. No food is allowed in the cabins. We will store food sent in the dining hall pantry and/or refrigerator.

Because of the nature and scheduling of the program, **SWIMMING WILL NOT BE OFFERED**. However, students may get wet in some classes, and wading is allowed during beach recreation times, so kids will need swimsuits or clothes that can get wet for these times. Remember - too much gear will be a burden, but too little gear can create hardship for your child. Keep in mind, old clothes are preferred over new, since most activities will be held outside. **RAIN GEAR IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL** (just in case). Please do not ignore the "Do Not Bring" items. With the teacher's permission, children will have an opportunity to visit the gift shop, which carries a wide range of items, including Barrier Island merchandise. If you wish for your child to be able to purchase souvenirs, you may wish to send some spending money with them. Our Barrier Island items include t-shirts, hats, pencils, stickers, and water bottles.

We ask that you do not visit the center while your child is here. This is an opportunity for your child to learn to function away from home. Visiting parents may not only distract their child, but also make others jealous or homesick.

Students are not permitted to use the telephone under normal circumstances; please refrain from calling your child except in an emergency. In case of emergency only, our phone number is (843) 768-1337. Remember that no news is good news!

Your child will surely appreciate a letter from home during their stay. Please mail letters early, 3 days prior to your child's arrival. Barrier Island will not assume responsibility for lost mail. We do not deliver faxes, e-mails, or care packages to students. Please address your letters as follows:

Child's Name
School's Name (This must be included)
Barrier Island Environmental Education Program
2810 Seabrook Island Road
Johns Island, SC 29455-6219

The Barrier Island Environmental Education Program reserves the right to send any child home for destruction of property, aggressive behavior, illness, or any other acts detrimental to the functioning of the program.

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Barrier Island Student Information:

Hello! Soon you will be coming to Barrier Island. (YAY!) We can hardly wait. It is so much fun here. You get to do all kinds of fun things while you are here, but at the same time, you will learn a lot.

While you are here, you, your classmates, your teachers and chaperones, and the Barrier Island Staff will be a community, a group of people living and working together. Your biggest responsibility during your stay will be cooperation with others; you will need to think of how to help your group, not just yourself. Remember that even though you are at Barrier Island, you are still in school. Many of the same rules apply, so please be respectful of everyone around you.

Also, you will need to know three things - your cabin group, your table group, and your field group.

1. Cabin Group - You will be living in a cabin with about 9 other people, including two adults. Your cabin group will need to set up rules to help everyone live comfortably together. For example: What time will you turn out the lights at night? When will people take showers? Where will you put your dirty clothes? How will you clean the cabin in the morning? The adult in your cabin will help you set rules. Everyone will need to cooperate and follow the rules.
2. Table Group - In the dining hall you will be sitting with your table group. There will be about 8 people at each table
3. Field Group - This is the best part! During the day, you will be going to different classes with your field group. Classes are lots of fun, because you get to do things like get muddy, catch fish, or hold a live animal. You will have about 10-15 people in each class. You will be taught by Barrier Island Naturalists, who are very interesting people. We might lead you down the beach and through the salt marsh (mud! mud! mud!), or help you catch creatures in the pond or show you where the bobcat, fox, alligators, and owls live (in the maritime forest...). What we really want to show you is how interesting nature is.

Secret #1 to a great time at Barrier Island.: Remember that we (people) are guests in somebody else's home when we go into the woods, to the beach, etc. We need to respect their home by picking up our own trash, leaving live animals alone (jellyfish, snakes, and everybody else....) and not pulling or hurting them. When you are with a Barrier Island Naturalist, he or she might catch a snake or frog or jellyfish for you to see, but we always carefully put it back where we found it when we're done checking it out. Most of the animals here are smaller, weaker, and more afraid of you than you are of them. Some of them can hurt you, so it is a good idea not to touch any of the animals unless a Barrier Island Naturalist has said that it is safe.

Secret #2: The more you pay attention here, the more you get to do. There are no dumb questions at Barrier Island. You can ask us anything! Examples: Why are there waves? How did this island get here? How do turtles stay warm?

We hope that you are excited about coming and learning tons of cool information.

Barrier Island Curriculum Request

Please send in one month prior to trip

Email: barrierisland@stchristopher.org

Fax: 843-768-4729

School Name: _____ Date of Trip: _____

Name: _____ Position: _____

School Phone #: _____ Cell #: _____ Email address: _____

Please check this box if your school is Christian and would like a faith-based curriculum.

Choose classes from the following list plus 2 alternates classes (mark with an "A")

8 hours if you will be here a half week/ 16 hours if you will be here a full week

Two Hour Classes

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Let's Sea | <input type="checkbox"/> Seining (warm weather only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Moccasin Trail | <input type="checkbox"/> Need-A-Friend |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodstalk/Claws | <input type="checkbox"/> Pondering Life/ Entomology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodstalk/Wetlands | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eco-tour boat trip (additional cost, contact office for availability & cost) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kayaking (additional cost, contact office for availability & cost) | |

One Hour Classes

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Entomology | <input type="checkbox"/> Pondering Life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Human Impact | <input type="checkbox"/> Scales & Tails (winter only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Herpetology | <input type="checkbox"/> Seining (offered in warm months) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Loggerhead Dig | <input type="checkbox"/> Orinthology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lost & Found | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Woodstalk | |

Evening Activities (choose 4 for half week, 8 for full week, plus one alternate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Astronomy (Dec-Feb only) | <input type="checkbox"/> Games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campfire | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Debate | <input type="checkbox"/> Noodle Hockey |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Owls 101 (additional cost of \$1 per student) | <input type="checkbox"/> Night Walk (Dec-Feb only) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nocturnal Wildlife | |

Reservation Information Form



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Please submit this form two months prior to trip date.

Name of School: _____

Date of Trip: _____ / _____ / _____ to _____ / _____ / _____ Grade: _____

Your Name: _____ Postion: _____

School Phone #: _____ Cell Phone #: _____

Email address: _____

Estimated arrival time (suggested arrival is 11:30 am): _____ Day: _____

To assist with parking at arrival & departure, how many buses will your group bring? _____

Will your group have lunch on arrival day? (served at 12:15 pm) YES NO

Estimated departure time (suggested departure is 1:00 pm): _____ Day: _____

Will your group eat lunch *on site* departure day? (served at 12:00 pm) YES NO

If no, do you need a bag lunch? YES NO

*(designed to be taken with group and eaten, *on the road*)

If bus drivers need lodging and/or meals, these must be booked in advance:

Do bus drivers need lodging? (includes breakfast) YES NO

If yes, how many drivers is the group bringing? _____

If yes, do drivers need meal packages (lunches/dinners)? YES NO

Name and phone number of "on site" medical person for your group: Name: _____

Phone: _____

Will your group be shopping in the gift shop? YES NO

Number of students: Male: _____ Female: _____ Total: _____

Number of adult chaperones: Male: _____ Female: _____ Total: _____

Number of teachers: Male: _____ Female: _____ Total: _____

Total persons: _____

We agree...

* To respect the privacy of Seabrook Island residents. Our group will not drive through their property or go beyond the St. Christopher boundaries.

* To bring at least one car with our group that will remain on site for the duration of our stay.

* To have at least one representative of the school on site at all times.

* To have one or more adults stay in each cabin unit to supervise students.

* To provide an authorized individual to dispense medications/handle medical needs.

* No one will bring alcohol, illegal drugs, or weapons to Barrier Island/St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center.

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Signed: _____ Date: _____

Coronavirus/ COVID Warning & Disclaimer

Coronavirus, COVID-19 is an **extremely contagious** virus that spreads easily through person-to-person contact. Federal and state authorities recommend social distancing as a means to prevent the spread of the virus. **COVID-19 can lead to severe illness, personal injury, permanent disability, and death.**

Participating in St. Christopher/Barrier Island programs or accessing St. Christopher/Barrier Island facilities could increase the risk of contracting COVID-19. St. Christopher/Barrier Island in no way warrants that COVID-19 infection will not occur through participation in St. Christopher/Barrier Island programs or accessing St. Christopher/Barrier Island facilities.

Waiver, Release, Indemnification & Covenant Not to Sue

In consideration of _____'s (name) participation in St. Christopher/Barrier Island programs, I _____ (parent/guardian) of the minor named above, agree to release and on behalf of myself and the minor named above, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, and assigns, **HEREBY DO RELEASE** the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina, St. Christopher Camp and Conference Center, and Barrier Island, its officers, directors, employees, volunteers, agents, representatives, and insurers ("Releases") from any causes of action, claims, or demands of any nature whatsoever including but in no way limited to claims of negligence, which I the named minor, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators, and assigns may have now or in the future, against the Anglican Diocese of South Carolina and St. Christopher Camp & Conference/Barrier Island on account of personal injury, property damage, death or accident of any kind, arising out of or in any way related to the use of St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center facilities/equipment or participation in St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center/ Barrier Island programs whether that participation is supervised or unsupervised, however the injury or damage occurs, including, but not limited to the negligence of Releases. In consideration of the named adult or minor's participation in St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center/ Barrier Island programs, I the undersigned adult and/or parent/guardian of the named participant agrees to **INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS** Releases from any and all causes of action, claims, demands, losses, or costs of any nature whatsoever arising out of or in any way related to the named participant's St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center/ Barrier Island program/activities, participation.

I hereby certify on behalf of myself and the named participant that I have full knowledge of the nature and extend of the risks inherent in St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center/ Barrier Island program/activities, participation and that I on behalf of myself and the named participant am voluntarily assuming said risks. I understand that I, and the named participant will be solely responsible for any loss or damage including personal injury, property damage, or death, the named participant sustains while participating in St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center/Barrier Island programs/activities, and that by signing this agreement, I on behalf of myself and the named participant, **HEREBY RELEASE** Releases of all liability for such loss damage or death. I, further certify that the named participant is in good health and has no conditions or impairments, which would preclude his/her safe participation in St. Christopher Camp & Conference Center/Barrier Island programs/activities.

I further certify that my date of birth is _____ (MM/DD/YY), that my present age is ____, that I am therefore of lawful age and otherwise legally competent to sign this agreement, and that I have legal capacity to act on behalf of the named participant. I further understand that the terms of this agreement are legally binding and certify that I am signing this agreement, after having carefully read it, of my own free will.

Participant Name

Date

Parent/Guardian (OR Adult Participant) **Signature**

Parent/Guardian/ (Or Adult Participant) **Printed Name**



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Camp and Conference Center

Health Screening Questionnaire

DATE _____

Name _____ Parent Name (*if minor*) _____

Are you willing to answer questions related to COVID-19? Y N

Have you been diagnosed with having COVID-19? If yes, when? _____ Y N

Have you been tested for COVID-19? Y N

Have you been vaccinated for COVID-19? Y N

Do you know if you have you been with anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19? How recently? _____ Y N

Do you have a cough or shortness of breath? Y N

Do you have at least two of the following symptoms? Y N

Fever Y N

Chills Y N

Repeated Shaking with Chills Y N

Muscle Pain Y N

Headache Y N

Sore Throat Y N

New loss of taste or smell Y N

Diarrhea Y N

Vomiting Y N

Barrier Island Program
Behavioral/Developmental/Physical Concerns

2810 Seabrook Island Rd, Johns Island, SC 29455

Phone (843) 768-1337

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THIS FORM MUST BE SUBMITTED TWO
WEEKS PRIOR TO TRIP DATE

School Name _____

Teacher Name _____

Dates of Trip _____

To help the Barrier Island staff prepare & best facilitate learning for your students, please note any behavioral, developmental and/or physical concerns in the spaces below.

Child's Name	Issue	Field Group Letter (if known)

Barrier Island Program Dietary Issues Form

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School Name _____

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Dates of Trip _____

To help the Barrier Island staff properly prepare for your arrival, please note any **dietary** needs that your group may have. *We cannot prepare separate meals for those with needs, but can provide some limited options.*

Parents are welcome to send food to supplement their child's meal needs. No food is allowed in cabins. Food storage space can be provided. All food sent must be able to be reheated in a microwave or served at room temp.

Child's Name	Dietary Issue/Need	Field Group Letter (if known)

Student Equipment List for Barrier Island Field Trip

Remember To Turn In Your Completed & Signed Barrier Island Permission & Medical History Form!

Make sure all items have your child's name on them. Clothes should be modest in style and acceptable for school. Only old clothes are needed since new clothes may be ruined by heavy outdoor use. Please know that all clothes have the potential to get *VERY DIRTY* and depending on what classes your children will be taking, they may need several changes of clothes for water activities

- 1 sleeping bag or bed roll (sheets and blanket) + pillow
- 1 OLD outfit to be worn in salt marsh (tie-on shoes required. If cold, please bring layers!)
- 2 pairs of old pants
- 2 pairs of shorts, bathing suit (warm weather)
- 5 pairs of underwear and socks for 3 days or 8 pairs of each for 5 days
- 3 shirts for 3 days or 5 shirts for 5 days
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt
- 1 warm jacket & hat (cold weather)
- 2 pairs of sneakers (*one OLD pair to be worn in salt marsh and other wet classes*)
- 1 Raincoat or Poncho
- 1 pair of pajamas
- Toiletries (toothbrush, soap, toothpaste, etc.)
- 2 towels (one for beach, one for shower)
- Insect repellent/sunscreen
- Plastic bag for dirty clothes
- Water bottle
- 4/5 Face masks
- Hand sanitizer

Recommended Items

- Disposable camera(s) (with child's name, school, teacher)
- Flip-flops or sandals
- Flashlight
- Sunglasses
- Cash for Gift Shop

DO NOT SEND

large amounts of money
candy, gum, or food
knives
hatchets
fireworks, weapons
radios, electronic games, cell phones, iPods,
smart watches, etc.
new clothes

Please note...

Children must carry all their belongings from the bus to the cabins (200 yards). Please limit luggage to one suitcase, backpack, or duffel bag, plus one sleeping bag or bedroll. No trunks! A heavy-duty trashcan liner can be used instead of a suitcase. Avoid sending unnecessary items.

The Barrier Island Environmental Education Program is not responsible for articles left behind, however we do keep Lost & Found items for a week following your child's trip. If you believe your child lost something while at Barrier Island, please give us a call at (843) 768-1337 and we will let you know if we find it!

*Mud pit clothes will be coming home with the students!
These can be washed and re-worn or donated to any
organization that accepts clothing donations.*