



Education Programs



Elementary & Above: (K - 12)

Animals of the Estuary - Only available at Ft. Johnson location
Join us as we observe and interact with live estuarine animals! We'll examine their body shape, behaviors, and adaptations that make them unique.

Sea Turtle Ecology

Students will learn about sea turtle ecology, current research, and population monitoring practices through open discussions and hands-on activities.

Horseshoe Crabs and Shorebirds

Students will practice their investigation skills to determine the relationship between these interactive coastal species. We'll also explore their individual unique adaptations during hands-on activities.

Salt Marsh Field Study - Not available at Bennetts Point location
Come along on a muddy trek through the marsh to explore its importance and biodiversity! Students will replicate research methods through several outdoor activities.



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5th Grade & Above: (5 - 12)

Discovery Vessel Program (ages 10+)

Join us aboard our Education Vessel, E/V Discovery, where we'll discuss local conservation topics, analyze water quality data, and examine estuarine organisms sampled using a trawl net!

Squid Dissection

Come learn about the biological and ecological elements of squid! Students will perform a dissection while investigating their adaptations, defense mechanisms, and internal anatomy.

Marine Debris

Through an assortment of activities, students will learn about where marine debris originates, how it moves, how it affects our marine ecosystem, and prevention techniques.

Oyster Reef Community

This lesson covers oyster biology, largely focusing on the importance of oyster reefs along our coast. Students will comb through reef samples to identify organisms living within the crevasses of these communities!



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High School: (9 - 12)

Fisheries Management

In this lesson, we'll discuss decision making and regulation implementation in regard to local fish species. To better understand these complex concepts, students will play a population dynamics game to develop their own sustainable fishery management plan.

Fish Dissection

This program highlights various adaptations, current research, and habitat utilization of local fish species. Students will dissect a species of bony fish, examining the external and internal anatomy, identifying key body features, and discussing organ functions.