ANACOSTIA WATERSHED SOCIETY

PARENTS: Please keep this page and return the rest of the application.

Summer Environmental Academy

Background & Application - June 27-29 (June 30 rain date)

The Anacostia Watershed Society is offering a **FREE Summer Environmental Academy (SEA) camp** for 6th, 7th, and 8th graders who live in the Anacostia River Watershed in Prince George's County. Through this explorative, outdoor recreational and educational experience, students learn about their river and local environment, while developing skills in team building, critical thinking, and scientific investigation. Students from PG County within the Anacostia Watershed are strongly encouraged to apply.

SEA Camp days- **June 27th, 28th, and 29th, with June 30th as a rain date**
On these days we will meet from 9:00am to 3:30pm

Pick-up and Drop off locations:
June 27th- Bladensburg Waterfront Park
June 28st- Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens
June 29th- Bladensburg Waterfront Park

From our meeting location, we will venture out together for various recreational and educational activities along the Anacostia River. Activities increase environmental awareness and give students the opportunity to take positive action to help improve their environment, as well as increase outdoor engagement. Activities may include boat tours, trash cleanups, wetland plantings, visits to community parks, mussel restoration, fishing, canoeing, etc.

We ask that families only apply if they feel they can make a commitment to the program, barring unforeseen circumstances. Some exceptions to missing a session may be granted (e.g., school testing, sickness, COVID-19, etc.). **All participants are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID.** If interested in applying for the 2023 summer camp, please complete the following forms and submit per the instructions at the end of the application.

Go to www.anacostiaws.org to learn more about SEA. If interested in applying for the **2023 PG SEA camp**, please complete and submit the following application and forms per the instructions at the end of the application. If you have any questions, please contact Kendra Bierman, Manager of Education, at kbierman@anacostiaws.org or 301-699-6204 Ext: 112.

Meet new friends, build your skills in environmental restoration, explore the Anacostia watershed, and help the environment by joining SEA!







Guidelines for Participation

We have found that in order for the Anacostia Watershed Society's Summer Environmental Academy (SEA) camp to be a positive and successful experience for all involved, some basic guidelines are necessary. Accordingly, each student is expected to:

- Commit to attending all three camp days (barring unforeseen circumstances in this time of COVID). Limited exceptions allowed. Kendra Bierman, Manager of Education, must be notified in advance and can be reached at 301-699-6204 Ext: 112 if a student is unable to attend a camp day.
- Arrive on time for each session (at 9:00 am. unless otherwise told), ready to participate fully. Pick-up is promptly at 3:30 pm.
- Follow staff instructions, for the safety of self and others.
- Dress appropriately to be outdoors with the possibility of getting dirty and possibly wet. Closed-toe shoes are required for every camp day.
- Be respectful of oneself, others, and one's environment. Expectations include keeping body parts to oneself, using positive language/communication, practicing "leave no trace" ethic in our meeting and outdoor environments, etc. No hitting, name-calling, or use of inappropriate language is allowed.

Also, the use of cell phones and any other electronic devices during the camp is generally not permitted. Should a student need to bring a cell phone to make contact with parents/guardians at the end of the day then students must keep them stored away and out of sight during camp. If students use electronics without permission while camp is in session, they will be taken by staff and returned at the end of the day. If parents/guardians need to reach the students during a session, they may call/text Kendra Bierman at 301-699-6204 Ext: 112 (or another staff member as directed in weekly communications).

Being fully vaccinated against COVID is a requirement for participating in the SEA camp. Additional COVID guidelines may be implemented and are subject to change. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

For the parents/guardians: All necessary forms must be received prior to a student participating in the SEA camp.

We have read the guidelines and agree to follow them.

_____	_____	_____
Parent or Guardian	Student	Date

Student Information and Release Form

Please print clearly

Student Name_____ Birthdate_____

Grade (circle): 6 7 or 8 Sex (circle): Male Female Non-binary

Parent or Guardian Name(s):_____

Phone (home)_____ (work)_____ (cell)_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

School_____ Parent E-mail_____

Health Insurance Carrier_____ ID#_____

In case of emergency, notify:

Name_____ Relationship_____

Check here if same as above ( )

Phone (home)_____ (work)_____ (cell)_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

In order for SEA staff to work effectively with our students, we like to learn about any areas that may be challenging for them. Please check the following area(s) in which your child has some difficulty. Check all that apply and explain below.

Relating to other students	
Relating to adults	
Keeping temper under control	
Understanding and following directions	
Communicating effectively with others	
Other:	

Please explain any area(s) that you checked above:

Is there anything about how your child learns that would be helpful for us to know in working with him/her? (For example, “My child has some difficulty with reading (or writing) and may need some assistance.” Or “My child learns best by….”)

Note: A guardian may be asked to join the participating student in some cases where there are significant behavior challenges or special needs present.

Parents/guardians -- please read, complete, and sign the following:

I, _____, parent/guardian of _____, understand that participation in the Anacostia Watershed Society's (AWS) Summer Environmental Academy (SEA) camp is entirely voluntary. Participation includes multiple camp day sessions. These sessions will include field experiences and hands-on activities, such as gardening, fishing, and boat rides. I understand that the events might involve light physical exertion – such as bending, lifting, and digging -- and voluntary or involuntary contact with harmful plants and animals. I know and understand the risks involved in the above named activities, and I know and understand that unanticipated dangers might arise. I hereby release AWS from any responsibility for injury which might occur as a result of my child or my participation in AWS activities, except that AWS shall not be released from potential claims for the negligent acts of their agents, servants, employees, or volunteers acting on behalf of AWS.

By signing below, I give permission for my child/me to participate in AWS/SEA activities. I also give permission to authorize personnel to carry out such emergency diagnostic and therapeutic procedures as may be necessary for my child/me, and also permit such treatment procedures to be carried out by the local hospital(s) for my child/me in the event of any emergency.

I further agree that my child's/my photo, image, or likeness may be used for future Anacostia Watershed Society projects, such as video, online, documentary or print publication, and I hold said entities harmless in the use of my child's/my photo or image.

I also give permission for AWS and/or its representatives to send me messages about programs and activities sponsored by the organization and/or its partners at the email address supplied. I understand that AWS will never sell, or rent my personal information without my advanced consent. I also understand that I will always have the option to stop receiving email messages from AWS at any time and under any circumstances.

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Signature of parent/guardian Date

Prompt pick-up of students at dismissal is expected. Please read the following statement and sign IF you grant permission: "My child has permission to wait outside of the SEA meeting place alone after dismissal if I am late and she/he/they may take public transportation and/or walk to and from the SEA meeting place."

_____ (**please sign here only if permission granted**)

To help us effectively recruit students, please tell us how learned about SEA:

a) Listserv (which?):_____
b) School Representative (who?): _____
c) Friend/colleague (who?):_____
d) Website or Facebook: _____
e) Other:_____

Medical History Form

***ALL ITEMS MUST BE FILLED OUT BY A PARENT/GUARDIAN. NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN THE AWS' SUMMER ENVIRONMENTAL ACADEMY WITHOUT A COMPLETED FORM ON FILE.**

Name:_____ **Parent/Guardian Signature**:_____

General Questions (You MUST explain "yes" answers below)

Has/does the participant:	**Yes**	**No**
1. Had any recent injury, illness or infectious disease?		
2. Have a chronic or recurring illness/condition?		
3. Take medication (prescribed or over the counter)?		
4. Ever been hospitalized?		
5. Ever had surgery?		
6. Have any emergency allergic reactions (e.g., bee stings, food, etc.)?		
7. Have frequent headaches?		
8. Ever had a head injury?		
9. Ever been knocked unconscious?		
10. Ever had frequent ear infections?		
11. Ever passed out during or after exercise?		
12. Ever had seizures?		
13. Ever had chest pain during or after exercise?		
14. Ever had high blood pressure?		
15. Ever been diagnosed with a heart murmur, or other heart conditions?		
16. Ever had back problems?		
17. Ever had problems with joints (e.g., knees, ankles, etc.)?		
18. Have any skin problems (e.g., itching, rash, acne, etc.)?		
19. Have diabetes?		
20. Have asthma?		
20 a. If yes, does the child carry an inhaler?		
21. Had mononucleosis in the past 12 months?		
22. Had problems with diarrhea/constipation?		
23. If female, have an abnormal menstrual history?		
24. Have any dietary restrictions (e.g., seafood, pork, vegetarian, etc.)?		

Please explain any "Yes" answers, noting the number of the questions. Use the back if needed.

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Health History for _____ (write student's name) continued:

Complete the following:

A) During SEA camp, I authorize an Anacostia Watershed Society staff member to administer the following over-the-counter medications or generic equivalent (i.e. for a headache, stomach ache, allergic reaction, etc.) to the participant. Please initial all that you allow:
_____Tylenol
_____Ibuprofen
_____Pepto Bismol
_____Anti-diarrhea
_____Benadryl
_____Cough drops
_____Other: _____

B) Are there any specific activities to be encouraged, limited or avoided? (circle) yes or no
If yes, please explain:
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C) Does the participant have a current tetanus shot? (circle) yes or no
Date of shot: ___/___/_____

D) Is the participant fully vaccinated against COVID-19 (required)? (circle) yes or no

E) Please provide any other important health related information about your child:

Please read and sign the following:

This health history provided in this document is correct as far as I know.

_____ _____
Parent or guardian signature Date

Submitting Application

Please scan and email to: Kendra Bierman, Manager of Education, at kbierman@anacostiaws.org 301-699-6204 Ext: 112. Contact Kendra at the email above if you need an alternate way to submit the forms.