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## **Coastal Federation Offers Summer Day Camps**

OCEAN - Children can explore the wonders of the coast with the N.C. Coastal Federation's Coastal Discovery Day Camps in June and July.

Campers will take part in hands-on activities to learn about coastal ecosystems, habitats and wildlife. They will go on expeditions with scientists and professionals, protect local waterways and earn their Junior Ranger Certification at Hammocks Beach State Park. Camp themes include "Shoreline Explorers" and "Maritime Adventures."

Shoreline Explorers will get their feet wet while learning about habitats in local creeks, sounds and rivers. They will become scientists who test the waters' health and study coastal ecology at Jones Island and Bear Island in Hammocks Beach State Park.

Maritime Adventurers will travel back in time to learn about the history of N.C.'s unique coastal environments. They will explore the cultural significance of forest and wetland habitats. Other activities include digging for fossils, learning about Native Americans at Jones Island and exploring for pirate treasure at Bear Island.

Camps for rising fourth through sixth graders are during the weeks of June 29 and July 20; and camps for rising seventh through ninth graders are during the weeks of July 6 and July 27. Each will be limited to 20 children.

Most camps will run Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the cost is \$200 a child. The camp that starts on June 29 will run Monday through Thursday and will cost \$160 a child. Early drop-off and late pick-up options are available for an additional \$50.

Registration is required and can be completed at www.nccoast.org. For more information, contact Rachel Bisesi by email at rachelb@nccoast.org or by calling 252.393.8185.

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About the North Carolina Coastal Federation: "Working Together for a Healthy Coast"

The N.C. Coastal Federation is the state's only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. The federation's headquarters office is located at 3609 N.C. 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro and is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The federation also operates field offices in Wrightsville Beach and Manteo. For more information call 252.393.8185 or check our website at www.nccoast.org.

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