Marine Science Summer Camps 2026 from the Batten School & VIMS

Interested in marine science? The Batten School & VIMS will be offering week-long, hands-on camps focused on marine science and the Chesapeake Bay. All camps are tailored to meet the learning stages of each age and are free thanks to a private donor.

Bay Buddies - July 20-24

3rd & 4th Grade

Learn ways to protect and preserve the Chesapeake Bay environment! Campers will seine in the York River, use microscopes, play outdoor games, make crafts, and complete projects that will benefit the Chesapeake Bay.

Bay Buddies is for **rising 3rd and 4th graders.** To apply, complete and return application by March 15th, 2026. Camp enrollment will be completed via a lottery system. Maximum of 24 campers will be selected.

Chesapeake Champions July 27-31

5th & 6th Grade

Study and explore different habitats within the watershed. **Rising 5th and 6th graders** will go canoeing and seining, dissect squid, and use a variety of scientific tools including water quality equipment and microscopes!

To apply, complete and return application and students' statement of interest by March 15th, 2026. Maximum of 24 campers will be selected.

Estuary Explorers - Aug 2-7

7th & 8th Grade

Rising 7th and 8th graders will explore the bayside and oceanside of the Eastern Shore while **staying overnight** at the VIMS Eastern Shore Laboratory in Wachapreague, VA!

To apply, complete and return application and students' statement of interest by March 15th, 2026. Maximum of 16 students will be selected.

To Apply:

The application period opens February 16, 2026 and will close on March 15, 2026. All students will be notified of acceptance into camps on March 27th.

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