

SMITH ISLAND

Housed in two of the town's original structures, the Smith Island program in Tylerton, Maryland allows participants to experience a traditional fishing village while learning to appreciate a culture where people depend completely on a healthy Bay. The community's history and simplicity make it truly magical.



THE HOUSES AND BOATS

- Both homes have electricity, central air, heating systems and flushing toilets. The group will review water conservation techniques.
- Facilities include a full kitchen with a stove, microwave, refrigerator, and two ovens.
- Maximum capacity is 30 people (includes students and chaperones). One house has one room with eight beds and one room with six beds; the second house has two rooms with six beds and one room with eight beds.
- Boats include 11 canoes, a 21-ft. Carolina skiff, and the *Walter Ridder*, 40-ft. a jet-drive field investigation boat.

THE ISLAND AND THE COMMUNITY

- Tylerton has approximately 50 full-time residents, and all three towns on the island have approximately 250 residents. Many homes are owned by off-islanders who come to vacation.
- Please prepare your students to act respectfully as guests during their three-day experience.
- You will use local public ferry services, which are organized through CBF.

FIELD EXPERIENCE CONCEPTS

BEFORE THE TRIP: Prepare students for the remote conditions of the island, the conservation techniques they will practice, and expected behavior. Remind them that there are no showers. *Inform students that they are **not to bring** cell phones, iPods, CD players, DVD players, or other electronics of any kind.*

FIELD EXPERIENCE: CBF field staff will work with you during the pre-trip call to tailor your experience so that it complements your classroom content. The following are examples of sample topics:

- History and folklore
- Underwater grasses
- Crabbing, fishing, and oystering
- Salt marsh exploration
- Field journals and naturalist news
- Weather watch

ACTION PROJECT: Your trip to Smith Island is intended to inspire students to take action when you return home. Please help facilitate restoration and/or leadership projects to help Save the Bay!



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MEALS

Compost

- All organic food waste will be composted instead of going in the trash and taking landfill space.

Recycle

- All trash and recycling goes home with you.
- Whatever you recycle in your home area is what we will recycle at Smith.

Reduce

- Check with staff before buying condiments or PB&J; we may have them already.
- Buy food in bulk to reduce packaging.
- Bring powdered drink mix to cut down on packaging.

Reuse

- Students should bring bandanas to use as napkins.
- We have plates, cups, and utensils to reuse instead of paper products. Do **NOT** bring your own.

Meal preparation is a group effort. Teacher and chaperone leadership is required for the cooking and clean up of each meal in addition to behavior management of the remainder of the group.

SAMPLE FIELD TRIP ITINERARY

DAY 1

- 1:30 Arrive at Smith Island, intro and safety review
 Fisheries Investigation
Set Crab Pots
Dredge for Oysters
- Sunset Dinner, evening journal, night hike, stories

DAY 2

- Sunrise Breakfast
- Morning Field investigations
SAV's—scraping
Marsh/Tidal Wetland
- Mid-day Lunch
 Field investigations
Canoe/Water Chemistry/Marsh
- Sunset Dinner, evening journal, oral history

DAY 3

- Sunrise Breakfast
 Proggin' (Island history exploration)
 Pack up and clean-up
- 11:30-12 Wrap-up meeting and depart

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