Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center

Mentoring Young Scientists
2014-2015

Who: Open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade students and adult mentors

What: Explore topics related to conservation education through hands-on activities, experiments, and field trips with staff and volunteers from the Virginia Aquarium.

Participants in this program will:

- Explore habitats in the waterways on the Eastern Shore
- Take an ocean cruise on the Aquarium’s Ocean Explorer
- Meet scientists and experts in various fields of study
- Participate in activities at an Aquarium overnight – bunk with the sharks!
- Help restore and clean up local coastal habitats
- Develop projects to present during the Party for the Planet at the Virginia Aquarium!

When: Meetings occur two to four times a month on Friday evenings from 5:30 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. or Saturday mornings from 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M. from October 2014 - May 2015.

Where: Virginia Aquarium & Marine Science Center in Virginia Beach

How: Come to the MYS Information Session on September 12th from 5:30 -6:30 P.M.

The session will be held in the Virginia Aquarium’s Marsh Pavilion (Smaller Building)

Questions? Need more information? Contact Jovonne Vrechek at Jvrechek@VirginiaAquarium.com 757-385-0331

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Mentoring Young Scientists Student Application 2014-2015

Completed applications are due to the Aquarium by Wednesday September 17, 2014

Personal Information – to be completed by a parent or guardian

Student Name: ___________________________   Grade: ___________________________

School: ___________________________________________   adult T-Shirt Size: ___________________________

Parent / Guardian Name(s): ___________________________________________________________________

Address: ___________________________________________   City: __________________   Zip code:___________

Home Phone: ___________________________   Work Phone: ___________________________

Cell Phone #1: ___________________________   Cell Phone #2: ___________________________

Primary Contact Number: ___________________________   Secondary Contact Number: ___________________________

Primary E-mail address: ______________________________________________________________________

Secondary E-mail address: ___________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Questions: Please answer all of the questions below on a separate sheet of paper

1. You will be responsible for providing transportation to the Virginia Aquarium. We will be meeting on Friday evenings and Saturdays from October 2014 until May 2015. Are you able to provide transportation for your student at these times?

2. What extra-curricular activities is your student involved in? Will they conflict with meetings on Friday evenings or on Saturdays?

Student Questions: Please answer all of the questions below on a separate sheet of paper

1. Why do you want to participate in this program at the Virginia Aquarium?

2. What do you hope to gain from the experience?

3. Why should we choose you as a participant?

4. Tell us about a project / event that you have participated in or a school assignment you have completed that demonstrates your interest in science and the environment.

5. How will your participation in this program support your future goals?

***New for 2014-2015*** Student answers may be submitted in the form of a 1-5 minute video that the student creates. Videos may be submitted either on a burned DVD, or via email using a link to YouTube.

***Please include at least one letter of recommendation from a non-related adult.***

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Please drop off or mail completed applications and letters of recommendation to:

Jovonne Vrechek
Mentoring Young Scientists Coordinator
Virginia Aquarium
717 General Booth Blvd.
Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Applications may also be emailed to JVrechek@VirginiaAquarium.com

Students selected for interviews will be expected to attend an interview session on either Friday September 26th or Saturday September 27th.