



## The South Fork Natural History Museum (SoFo) announces Marine Science Summer Programs for 2016

The Marine Science Summer Program consists of a one (1) week adventure in exploring the various marine habitats and their fascinating, secretive occupants. Your child will come away with a new appreciation for our diverse marine environments.

### **“Peanut Bunker” Marine Adventure Week I**

- For children 6 – 8 years of age
- Program runs Monday - through Friday August 1-5, 2016
- Hours: Bus Drop Off at the museum at 8:30 am, Pick Up at the museum at 4:00 pm

### **“Sea Bass” Marine Biology and Fishing Week**

- For children 9 – 11 years of age
- Program runs Monday through Friday August 8 – 12, 2016
- Hours: Bus Drop Off at the museum at 8:30 am, Pick Up at the museum at 4:00 pm

### **“Peanut Bunker” Marine Adventure Week II**

- For children 6 – 8 years of age
- Program runs Monday through Friday August 15 – 19, 2016
- Hours: Bus Drop Off at the museum at 8:30 am, Pick Up at the museum at 4:00 pm

The Peanut Bunker program is an exciting way for children to experience marine ecosystems. Your child will explore science themes with hands on learning activities at different field sites each day. Whether seining in eel grass beds, examining sand animals on a beach or wading through a salt marsh, your child will learn to identify marine plants and animals and understand how these organisms interact to create an ecosystem. Animal adaptations for finding food and to avoid being eaten will be explored. Find out what can we do to help marine animals on a visit to a marine animal rescue center. Finally, your child will become a marine biologist for a day and participate in research- sampling using scientific instruments on a SUNY Stony Brook Marine Research Vessel.

The Sea Bass program is a Marine Biology and Fishing Adventure week. Your child will understand how organisms protect themselves by observing shelled animals and fish in their natural habitats. While digging for clams, visiting an active oyster farm field site, observing oceanic fish at a commercial fishing dock, and fishing for snapper and larger fish with rod and reel they will observe and identify local finfish and shellfish species. Survival interactions between organisms and adaptations to their environments will be explored. Finally, your child will become a marine biologist for a day and participate in research-sampling using scientific instruments on a SUNY Stony Brook Marine Research Vessel.



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This year transportation will be provided by bus service from the museum to each day's exploration site and back to the museum. Drop off at the museum at 8:30 am, Pick up at 4:00 pm. Specific site locations and a supply list will be provided one month prior to the start of the program. Please register your child for the week that is appropriate for his or her age group. Due to limited class size (12 participants per week) and popularity of the program, sessions fill up quickly. Sign up early and include membership number, completed *Application, Environmental Education Release, Medical/Consent Form and Payment.*

*Forms will be available for download @ [www.sofa.org](http://www.sofa.org) on March 12, 2016.*

SoFo members will be given preference until March 19, 2016 when general registration opens.

Non-members have the option of purchasing a membership.

Payment is due at Registration. You will be notified as soon as possible if the session is full.

**All registration correspondence and questions please email  
Robert and Theresa Gelling at: [sofomsp@optonline.net](mailto:sofomsp@optonline.net)**

Due to popular demand the summer programs are first come, first served.

First consideration will be given to active SoFo Members.

Cost for The Marine Science Summer Peanut Bunker Program, Ages 6-8, is  
\$850 for SoFo members \$950 for non-members.

Cost for The Marine Science Summer Sea Bass Program, Ages 9-11, is  
\$850 for SoFo members \$950 for non-members.