

Frequently-asked questions about the Coast Kids program:

Can a child of any age join?

Yes. The program targets children 4-12 years of age, but children of any age under 18 are welcome. Younger children may require the help of an adult or older child to enjoy the Coast Cards and some of the events.

Can more than one child join under one membership?

No. The memberships are intended for individual children.

Is Coast Kids a fundraising program for Assateague Coastal Trust?

No. The \$25 membership fee covers only part of the cost to ACT per child. We subsidize the program with donations and grants so that we can keep the membership fee as low as possible. If you are interested in making a donation to help us cover our costs and provide more free events for kids, your donation would be put to very good use.

Will there be a fee for the events?

The events are free for Coast Kids members. If you would like to bring a non-member along, we charge a small fee, usually \$3 to \$5 per child depending on the event.

Do we need to sign up for events in advance?

Some of the events (for example, canoeing) focus on small groups of kids and will require a sign-up prior to the event on a first come, first served basis. Other events will be open to all who wish to attend.

How long does the membership last?

One year, from May to May. A child who signs up later in the year will still receive the full set of Coast Cards.

Can I send a membership to a child as a gift?

Absolutely. We can include a birthday (or other) card along with the membership package, with a message of your choosing.

Is the membership program limited to children in a certain geographic area?

No. Even though the geographic focus of most of the Coast Cards and events is the coastal bays of Worcester County, MD (and adjacent Sussex County, DE, and Accomack County, VA) the participants need not reside in this relatively small area to benefit from the program. Children from other counties and indeed other states who visit the area during weekends and summer vacations are encouraged to participate. Even though some children may live too far away to attend many of the events, they can enjoy receiving monthly Coast Cards at home. Many of the animals and ideas featured in the cards are relevant not only to the coast, but also to the Chesapeake Bay.

What are the Critter Cards?

Critter Cards are playing cards designed by local artist Scott M. Oatman, and feature local coastal animals. To purchase Critter Cards, go to the Merchandise section of the webpage.

What is the Adventure Map?

The Adventure Map is your ticket to finding fun places to visit on coastal Delmarva—places to go canoeing, hiking, biking, camping, birdwatching, visiting museums, and more. The map is available for purchase.

What are Look Books?

Look Books are fun-filled activity booklets featuring animals, plants and places in the coastal bays of Delmarva (provided to members during the 2003-2007 years, replaced by monthly Coast Cards). Back-issues of the Look Books are available for purchase.

May I volunteer to help the Coast Kids program?

Absolutely. Volunteers can help to make this program a great success. Please call the ACT office.

**For more information, contact the Assateague Coastal Trust at (410) 629-1538
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