



## **Plankton at the EEC**

Date: **Saturday, January 12, 2019**

Time: **1:30 PM to 3:30 PM**

Meeting point: **Assateague Environmental Education Center (EEC)**

Address: **7206 National Seashore Ln in Berlin, MD**

Explore the amazing world of tiny critters living in the Sinepuxent Bay! We will catch plankton with specialized nets and use microscopes to look at the strange and wonderful world of miniscule animals and plants living in the bay water. At the beginning of the event, we will take a short walk from the EEC to the Assateague State Park boat ramp to catch plankton. We will then come back to the EEC and identify our catch using microscopes with digital displays. In case the weather is terribly rainy or blustery, you will be provided with plankton samples and stay inside for the entire event.

If the weather is just cold, but not wet, please wear warm clothes. We will be outside for about 30 minutes to catch plankton from the boat ramp. The plankton nets are designed to be used from a dock or boat, so we won't go in the water. In case you come late, and we are not at the EEC, please find us at the boat ramp next to the bridge crossing over to Assateague Island.

Number of spaces available: 18 kids! Please sign up for the event at [www.actforbays.org/coastkids](http://www.actforbays.org/coastkids), or by calling the Assateague Coastal Trust office at 410-629-1538. Leave a message with your name, phone number, and number of participating kids. The event is free for members and costs \$3 per person for non-members.

Directions: *From Salisbury:* Go east on Rt. 50 E toward Ocean City. Turn right onto Rt. 113 S. Following the sign to Assateague Parks turn left on Rt. 376 E, then right on Rt. 611 S. Before you cross the bridge to Assateague Island turn right onto National Seashore Lane toward the Environmental Education Center (the old Visitor Center) of the Assateague National Seashore.

*From OC:* Cross the Rt. 50 bridge and turn left onto Rt. 611. Before you cross the bridge to Assateague Island turn right onto National Seashore Lane toward the Environmental Education Center (the old Visitor Center) of the Assateague National Seashore.