

## Coast Kids Membership

### **What is included in the Coast Kids membership?**

A Coast Kids membership includes 12 free monthly Coast Kids events such as bird banding, kayaking, or bay exploration as well as a Coast Kids T-shirt and a membership present such as a laminated field guide or a water bottle.

### **Can a child of any age join?**

Yes. The program targets children 3-13 years of age, but children of any age under 18 are welcome. Younger children may require the help of an adult to enjoy some of the events.

### **Can more than one child join under one membership?**

Yes, the membership is designed for the whole family. A membership for a family with one child costs \$35, each additional child costs \$20.

### **Is there the possibility of a scholarship?**

Yes, if you can't afford the membership fee, we can usually find a way to pay for a scholarship. Please contact the Coast Kids Program Director at (410) 629 1538 or [coastkids@actforbays.org](mailto:coastkids@actforbays.org) to discuss.

### **How long does the membership last?**

One year. You can sign up at any time in a year.

### **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 Coast Kids a fundraising program for Assateague Coastal Trust?**

No. The membership fee covers only about 25% of the cost to ACT. 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.

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

No. Even though the geographic focus of most of the events is the coastal bays of Worcester County, MD (and adjacent Wicomico County, MD, 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.

## Monthly Coast Kids Events

### **Will there be a fee for the events?**

The events are free for Coast Kids members. Non-members will be charged a fee.

### **Can I come to the monthly events without a membership?**

Yes, non-members are welcome to participate. However, we charge a fee for non-members. The fee varies between \$3 and \$15 per child depending on the cost of the event. For paddling events, we charge a fee per person.

**Do we need to sign up for events in advance?**

Yes, sign up is required for most events, especially for events with limited spaces such as building bird houses. Some events will be open to all who wish to attend and don't require registration.

**Nature Explorers and Wild Scientists Summer Enrichment Program****Where is the summer camp being held?**

Each day the Nature Explorers go to a new place in Worcester or Wicomico County. Participants will learn about many interesting and beautiful places across Delmarva. The Wild Scientists camp is held at the ACT office on 10959 Worcester Hwy in Berlin, MD.

**How long is the summer camp?**

Nature Explorers and Wild Scientists runs for four weeks Monday through Thursday from 10AM to 2:30PM. They are not overnight camps.

**What ages can participate in the summer camp?**

Nature Explorers welcomes kids aged 6 to 12.

**How much is the summer camp? Is there a possibility for a scholarship?**

The summer camp costs \$160 per week (Monday through Thursday). A \$10 discount will be given for early registration. Some scholarships are available for certain members of the community. Please check with the Coast Kids Program Director at (410) 629 1538 or [coastkids@actforbays.org](mailto:coastkids@actforbays.org).

**School Programs and Digital Learning****What kind of school programs do you offer?**

Coast Kids offers in-school programs for grade K to 8, classes for homeschoolers, and some digital learning resources. Please click [here](#) for program topics.

**What is the cost for a school program?**

The service fee for in-school programs is \$2.00 per student. Homeschool classes are \$5 per student. The digital learning resources are free.

**Can I bring my class to Coast Kids?**

Unfortunately, we don't offer field trips for classes. However, in the past we have partnered with Assateague State Park for field trips to Assateague Island. Please contact the Coast Kids Program Director at [coastkids@actforbays.org](mailto:coastkids@actforbays.org) for inquiries.