

SPLASH! EDUCATING KIDS AT, ON AND IN THE WATER

A Resource Guide from the Metropolitan Waterfront Alliance

Are you a camp counselor who needs ideas for waterfront field trips? A teacher planning next term's marine biology syllabus? A parent who wants to get your child on a boat this summer? Then SPLASH is for you!

Inside you will find free and low-cost waterfront education resources in the New York City area. Camp leaders, schoolteachers, group leaders, and others serving New York City area can use this guide to bring youth to the waters that surround us. The organizations in this document all focus in some way on the waterways that flow around, in, and through this urban landscape.

We believe that the New York and New Jersey Harbor and waterways can be vibrant places to play, learn, and work with great parks, great jobs and great transportation for all.

Water-related programs offer rich lessons in social studies, history, science, and math. The water itself will foster a deep appreciation for the irreplaceable natural resource that is our harbor. Our hope is that every child in the metropolitan area will have the knowledge and tools to become invested in the care, improvement and love of our waterfront and harbor.

In SPLASH, you will find tables listing the featured organizations by average cost of programming per student and by location. We have also highlighted those organizations that offer paddling or other programs that get participants on the water in accordance with our mission. Following that, there is an expanded list of each organization, a sample of the programs they offer, and their contact information. We have chosen to include those experiences that cost on average less than \$10 per participant.

The information in the guide is correct to the best of our knowledge and ability as of June 2010. Please contact any organizations to confirm information, plan an experience, or ask further questions. If you would like an organization added to the guide, or work for an organization where the listing needs updating, please contact us.



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Organizations Listed By Average Cost Per Person*

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Downtown Boathouse		✓	✓	Manhattan	Free!	8
East River C.R.E.W.			✓	Manhattan	Free!	9
Floating the Apple			✓	Manhattan	Free!	9
Gowanus Dredgers Canoe Club	✓	✓	✓	Brooklyn	Free!	9
Hoboken Cove Boathouse			✓	Greater New Jersey	Free!	10
Hudson River Park Trust	✓	✓	✓	Manhattan	Free!	11
I Fish New York	✓	✓	✓	New York City	Free!	12
Inwood Canoe Club			✓	Manhattan	Free!	13
Kayak Staten Island			✓	Staten Island	Free!	14
Liberty State Park Interpretive Center	✓	✓	✓	Greater New Jersey	Free!	14
Long Island City Boathouse			✓	Queens	Free!	14
Narrows Botanical Gardens	✓	✓	✓	Brooklyn	Free!	15
New York Outrigger			✓	Manhattan	Free!	17
NYC Soil & Water Conservation District	✓			Manhattan	Free!	17
Red Hook Boaters			✓	Brooklyn	Free!	18
Row New York	✓	✓	✓	Queens	Free!	20
Visitor Center at Newtown Creek	✓	✓	✓	Brooklyn	Free!	24
Staten Island Museum	✓	✓	✓	Staten Island	\$3.50	22

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Meadowlands Environmental Center	✓	✓	✓	Greater New Jersey	\$5.00	15
New York Kayak Polo			✓	Manhattan	\$5.00	18
Solar One Green Energy, Arts & Education Center	✓	✓		Manhattan	\$5.00	21
Weehawken Rowing			✓	Greater New Jersey	\$5.00	25
South Street Seaport Museum	✓	✓	✓	Manhattan	\$5.25	21
Alley Pond Environmental Center	✓		✓	Queens	\$5.50	6
Hudson River Museum	✓	✓	✓	Greater New York	\$6.00	11
Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum	✓	✓	✓	Greater New York	\$6.75	8
Hackensack Riverkeeper	✓	✓	✓	Greater New Jersey	\$6.75	10
Lower East Side Ecology Center	✓	✓	✓	Manhattan	\$6.75	15
New York Aquarium	✓	✓	✓	Brooklyn	\$7.25	17
New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium	✓	✓	✓	Greater New Jersey	\$7.75	16
Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary	✓	✓	✓	Greater New York	\$8.00	22
Beczak Environmental Center	✓	✓	✓	Greater New York	\$10.00	6
Sebago Canoe Club		✓	✓	Brooklyn	\$10.00	20
Waterfront Museum	✓	✓	✓	Brooklyn	\$10.00	25
Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum	✓	✓	✓	Manhattan	\$10.25	13
Harlem Community Rowing			✓	Bronx	\$18.75	10
Rocking the Boat	✓	✓	✓	Bronx	Varies	19
Urban Park Rangers	✓	✓	✓	New York City	Varies	23
Village Community Boathouse	✓		✓	Manhattan	Varies	24

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Organizations with On-Water Programming

The following organizations offer programming on boats, kayaks, canoes, ferries, and other vessels that bring participants onto the waterways around and in New York City. Please see organization listings for detailed information

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Alley Pond Environmental Center

Location:	Queens
Website:	http://alleypond.com
Description:	The Education Department offers lessons at the Alley Pond Environmental Center or at your organization/local park/open space covering topics in ecology and life sciences for students of all ages.
School Programs:	Pond Discovery; Estuaries and Endangered Wetlands; The Beach... and Ocean; The Nature of Water; Wetland Systems; Seasonal Programs
Grades Served:	K-12
Fees:	\$5.00 – 5.75 per student; \$50 per class minimum.
Public Programs:	Various drop-off, school vacation, after-school and family programs.
Fees:	Fees vary; See website for calendar and details.
Additional Information:	APEC also has scouting programs and offers birthday parties.
Phone Number:	718-229-4000
Email Address:	info@alleypond.com

Beczak Environmental Center

Location:	Yonkers
Website:	http://beczak.org
Description:	One of the primary goals of Beczak is to show even our youngest visitors that the river is part of a complex ecosystem that nurtures an amazing diversity of living things, including people.
School/Camp Programs:	"See"-Horse Scenes; The Hudson River Big Picture; Plant vs. Animal; Fish Senses; Hudson River Food Chain; Marsh Drama; Hudson River Estuary Model; The Great Water Mix-Up; Water Cleanup; Peek at Plankton; Hudson River Perspective; Estuarylink; Hudson River Water Chemistry; Catch of the Day Seining Program; The Structure of a Marsh
Grades Served:	K-adult
Fees:	Admission to the Center's Interpretive Center is free; Special programs (listed above) cost \$180-320 per class.
Traveling Programs:	The Hudson River Big Picture; Plant vs. Animal; Fish Senses; Hudson River Food Chain
Fees:	\$200/hour for Programs.
Additional Information:	The Interpretive Center at Beczak Environmental Center features exhibits (including a tidal tank, aquaria, Catch of the Day, Giant Sturgeon, Beach in a Box, Racing Stripes, Beneath the Waves, and more) and is free to visit! The Center also offers Scout Programs.
Contact Person:	Victoria Garufi
Phone Number:	914-377-1900 x12
Email Address:	vgarufi@beczak.org

Brooklyn Bridge Park Boathouse

Location: Brooklyn
Website: <http://bbpboathouse.org>
Description: The Brooklyn Bridge Park Boathouse offers free walkup public kayaking on selected days.
Public Programs: Walkup kayaking
Fees: Free!
Availability: 11 kayaking days planned for summer 2010. See calendar on website.
Email Address: bbpboathouse@gmail.com

Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy

Location: Brooklyn
Website: <http://brooklynbridgepark.org>
Description: The Brooklyn Bridge Park Conservancy seeks to educate and inspire urban youth through the wonders of Brooklyn Bridge Park, the East River and the Hudson River Estuary.
School Programs: The Cove Between the Bridges; Seining: The River Wild; Rove the Cove; Living on the Edge
Grades Served: K-12
Fees: Free for Title I schools. Contact for other rates.
Contact Person: Kara Gilmour
Phone Number: 718/802-0603
Email Address: kgilmour@bbpc.net
Public Programs: The Cove Between the Bridges; Seining: The River Wild; Rove the Cove; Salvaged Landscape: Understanding Urban Design and Green Building in Brooklyn Bridge Park; Living on the Edge; Waterfront Workouts; Community Rowing (see Brooklyn Bridge Park Boathouse and Gowanus Dredgers Canoe Club); Movies with a View
Fees: Free!
Availability: See website for calendar.
Contact Person: Alison Hughes
Phone Number: 718/802-0603
Email Address: ahughes@bbpc.net

Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum

Location:	Cold Spring Harbor, NY
Website:	http://cshwhalingmuseum.org
Description:	The Museum's object and archival holdings of 6,000 artifacts document the whaling and general maritime history both of Cold Spring Harbor and Long Island in general. Highlights of the collection include New York State's only fully-equipped 19th century whaleboat with original gear and one of the notable scrimshaw collections in the northeast. Additional objects include whaling implements, ship's gear, navigational aids, ship models and maritime art.
School Programs:	Whales & Ships; Sink or Float; Wonder of Whales; Communities by the Sea; Whalers & Whaling; Moby Dick at the Museum
Grades Served:	K-12
Fees:	\$4.25 per student; Art activity add-ons available.
Traveling Programs:	Marvelous Mammals; Whales Inside & Out; A Whaler's Life; Long Island Long Ago
Fees:	\$185 - 1 class; \$300 - 2 classes; \$400 - 3 classes. Mileage charge may apply.
Camp Programs:	Ship to Shore; Seaweed, Slime & Squish; Water, Water Everywhere; A Sailor's Day; Crystal Clear; Conchologists/Boneless Beauties; Marine Paleontologist; Sail with the Wind
Fees:	\$185 - 1 program; \$350 - 2 programs (25 kids per program)
Other Programs:	Birthday Parties; Scouting Programs
Contact Person:	Nomi Dayan, Program Director
Phone Number:	631/367-3418 x 17
Email Address:	ndayan@cshwhalingmuseum.org
Public Programs:	Various family/public programs. Weekly summer camp. See website for calendar and fees.

Downtown Boathouse

Location:	Manhattan
Website:	http://downtownboathouse.org
Description:	Participants take one of the Downtown Boathouse's kayaks out inside the protected embayment in front of the boathouse. Life jackets, kayaks, paddles and some tips on paddling are provided.
Public Programs:	Walk-up Kayaking; Kayaking Classes; 3-Hour Guided Tours
Fees:	Free!
Availability:	20-minute walk-up paddling sessions available most weekends and holidays from mid-May to mid-October at their 3 locations (Pier 40, Pier 96, 72nd Street). Classes are held Wednesday evenings. See website for calendar and additional information.
Additional Information:	They try to accommodate groups during public kayaking, but cannot guarantee groups will be on the water together.
Email Address:	info@downtownboathouse.org

East River Community Recreation & Education on the Water (C.R.E.W.)

Location: Manhattan
Website: <http://eastrivercrew.org>
Description: East River C.R.E.W. promotes the stewardship of the East River waterways through educational and recreational activities.
Public Programs: Community rowing and the weekly C.R.E.W. and Brew, through which participants enjoy a paddle and discounts on beer at a local pub the group visits afterwards.
Fees: Weekly Community Rowing: Free
C.R.E.W. and Brew: Reservations by donation.
Availability: Weekly Community Rowing: Tuesdays 5 pm-dusk, May-September.
C.R.E.W. and Brew: Mondays at 5:30pm, May-September.
Contact Person: Tori Gilbert
Email Address: tgilbert@eastrivercrew.org
Phone Number: 212/427-3956

Floating the Apple

Location: Manhattan
Website: <http://floatingtheapple.org>
Description: The public is welcome to row their 26' Whitehall Gigs at Pier 84 Community Boathouse, or to take part in boatbuilding programs.
Public Programs: Public rowing hours. Boatbuilding volunteer program for adults and youth.
Fees: Free!
Availability: Summer hours: Thursday – Sunday, 3:00 pm to Sunset.
Email Address: FloApplePier84@gmail.com
Phone Number: 212/564-5412

Gowanus Dredgers Canoe Club

Location: Brooklyn
Website: <http://gowanuscanal.org>
School/Camp Programs: The Gowanus Dredgers give presentations and lectures from their dock, highlighting the environment, engineering and biology of the Gowanus Canal while viewing the Canal from the shoreline. The presentation includes videos, news segments and a slide lecture followed by a student discussion about developing solutions to facilitate a clean harbor.
Grades Served: K-12
Fees: Free!
Public Programs: The Gowanus Dredgers Canoe Club offers free self-guided canoeing trips. They also run estuary stewardship days, during which visitors may stop by any time during the event.
Fees: Estuary Stewardship Days: Free. They ask that, before or after canoe trips, participants help clean up any trash that has washed ashore.
Self-Guided Tours: Suggested Donation of \$5 for adults, \$3 for children.
Availability: Weekends and some weekdays from the end of March until November 1st. See website for calendar.
Phone Number: 718/243-0849
Email Address: dredgers@excite.com

Hackensack Riverkeeper

Location:	Secaucus, NJ
Website:	http://hackensackriverkeeper.org
Description:	Eco-Cruises are fun, educational tours of the Hackensack River and the NJ Meadowlands aboard Hackensack Riverkeeper's specially-rigged pontoon boats, the <i>Robert H. Boyle</i> and the <i>Edward Abbey</i> .
School/Camp Programs:	Eco-Cruises – Meadowlands Discovery; Boating Through Bergen; Excursion Around the Bay
Grades Served:	K-12
Fees:	\$300 per class
Traveling Program:	Presentations available.
Fees:	\$150-200
Public Programs:	Eco-Cruises; Paddling Center; River Cleanups; Bird-Walks; Indoor Presentations
Fees:	Fees vary; See website for calendar and additional information.
Phone Number:	201/968-0808
Email Address:	info@hackensackriverkeeper.org

Harlem River Community Rowing

Location:	Bronx
Website:	http://www.harlemrivercommunityrowing.org/
Description:	Harlem River Community Rowing is committed to expanding waterfront access options for all New Yorkers and increasing the non-motorized boat presence on the Harlem River.
Public Programs:	Learn to Row Sessions
Fees:	Learn to Row Sessions: \$150 for 8 lessons. Discounts may be available for students, residents of River Park Towers, and those with demonstrated need.
Availability:	Generally one weekday, 6:30-8:00 pm, and one weekend day, 8:00-11:00 am.
Additional Information:	Novice/Masters rowing sessions are available with membership. See website for details.
Contact Person:	Jenny
Email Address:	jenny@harlemrivercr.org

Hoboken Cove Boathouse

Location:	Hoboken, NJ
Website:	http://www.hobokencoveboathouse.org/
Description:	Public boathouse offering free paddles in the cove and on the river. Adults are welcome, and children under 16 may participate in a 2-person kayak with a parent or responsible adult.
Public Programs:	Regular walk-up paddles in Hoboken Cove; Several river trips.
Fees:	Free!
Availability:	See website for specific calendar.
Email Address:	dragonsandy1@yahoo.com

Hudson River Museum

Location:	Yonkers
Website:	http://hrm.org
Description:	Riverama is the museum's permanent exhibit, and it features information on the river's ecosystem and the ways humans have interacted with it over time.
School/Camp Programs:	River Through Time (Planetarium Program); Hudson Riverama Tour; River Mapping Program
Grades Served:	K-12
Fees:	\$4.50 – 7.50 per person
Other:	Discovery Kits (Grades 4-6) for use in classroom; \$150 for 2-week rental
Email Address:	groupvisits@hrm.org
Phone Number:	914/963-4550 x240
Public Programs:	Weekend family workshops.
Museum Day Camp:	Week-long summer day camps for youth ages 9-12. Of note: River Explorer Week!
Fees:	\$300/week
Phone Number:	914/963-4550 x219

Hudson River Park Trust

Location:	Manhattan
Website:	http://hudsonriverpark.org
Description:	The Hudson River Park is the largest park to undergo construction in Manhattan since Central Park was created, and includes beautiful public piers, a waterside esplanade, and limited commercial activities at several sites. A field trip to Hudson River Park can enhance your classroom lessons through place-based, hands-on activities. The Hudson River Park Trust's Education staff will work with you to plan and execute a successful trip.
School Programs:	Changing Waterfront; Fishing & Biology; Water Quality & Plankton
Grades Served:	K-12
Fees:	Free!
Traveling Programs:	Pre- and Post-visit Activities; Other programs available on limited basis
Fees:	Free!
Camp Programs:	Big City Fishing; Walking Tours; Recreation Programs
Fees:	Free! (Application available on website)
Availability:	June-Labor Day, Tues-Fri, 10-4
Public Programs:	Big City Fishing
Fees:	Free!
Availability:	Weekends, June-November 1 st , weather permitting.
Additional Information:	The Trust also has internships and seasonal youth employment programs. See website for details.
Email Address:	education@hrpt.state.ny.us
Phone Number:	212/627-2020

I Fish New York

Location:	New York City (all boroughs)
Website:	http://ifishnewyork.org
Description:	The I FISH NY Program is a New York State Department of Environmental Conservation initiative that introduces urban residents to the sport of fishing in New York State. I FISH NY's goals are to ensure that anyone with a desire to fish will have the resources and knowledge to guarantee a successful and safe fishing experience, and to build public awareness and understanding of the aquatic resources of the State of New York, fostering an increased stewardship ethic.
School/Camp Programs:	Fishing from shore programs are offered throughout the city.
Grades Served:	3+
Fees:	Free!
Traveling Programs:	Forty-five minute in-class lessons are available, and are accompanied by a fishing trip at a later date.
Fees:	Free
Contact Person:	Darin Alberry
Phone Number:	718/482-4940
Email Address:	da275@cornell.edu
Public Programs:	A calendar of public fishing events is available for Long Island and for NYC on the I Fish New York website.
Fees:	Free! <i>Please contact I Fish New York to confirm all events before attending.</i>
Phone Number:	631/444-0283 (Long Island) 718/482-4022 (NYC)

Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum

Location:	Manhattan
Website:	http://intrepidmuseum.org
Description:	Journey through the Intrepid to learn about the history and science behind the ship and its artifacts. These one-hour tours and one and a half hour workshops are led by museum educators and promote teamwork and critical thinking skills.
School Programs:	All Hands Explore Tour; Be a Marine Scientist!; Marine Science Investigation
Grades Served:	K-12
Fees:	\$9.75 per student, NYC DOE; \$10.75 per student, other DOEs Some funding may be available for NYC public schools. Contact for details.
Camp Programs:	Camps are welcome onboard the Intrepid, and can visit on their own or through a guided tour or other activities.
Fees:	Admission to the museum: \$11.50 per child aged 3-17; \$16.50 per adult; 1 adult free per 10 students. Additional activities and lunch are available for an additional fee.
"Operation Slumber:"	Families, groups, and camps can also book overnight visits onboard with the "Operation Slumber" program on selected dates. See website for calendar.
Ages Served:	6-17 years old (ideal for 8-12)
Fees:	\$120 per person; Group rates available.
Group Phone Number:	646/381-5010
Group Email Address:	groupsales@intrepidmuseum.org
Other Youth Programs:	Holiday and vacation camp programs. Family Programs and Weekend demonstrations. See website for information.
Camp G.O.A.L.S.:	The Intrepid offers a free four week summer program for girls entering 7th and 8th grades at Title I schools in any NYC borough. See website for details and application information.
Contact Person:	Dorothy Klein
Phone Number:	646/381-166
Email Address:	dklein@intrepidmuseum.org

Inwood Canoe Club

Location:	Manhattan
Website:	http://inwoodcanoecub.org
Description:	The Inwood Canoe Club promotes competitive and recreational canoeing and kayaking. They also offer free kayaking during their Summer Open House program.
Public Programs:	Guided trips on the Hudson River during Summer Open Houses.
Fees:	Free!
Availability:	Sundays, 10am – 12pm, Memorial Day – Labor Day.
Email Address:	mckeonlic@yahoo.com
Phone Number:	212/463-7740

Kayak Staten Island

Location:	Staten Island
Website:	http://kayakstatenisland.org
Description:	They provide the use of sit-on-top kayaks, life-jackets and paddles, as well as paddling tips and launch/land assistance. Experienced kayakers are in the water for further assistance during paddlers' 15-minute trips in the embayment.
Public Programs:	Open Kayaking Times.
Fees:	Free!
Availability:	June-August, see calendar on website for specific dates.
Additional Information:	Children under 18 may participant if accompanied by an adult.
Email Address:	kayakstatenisland@gmail.com

Liberty State Park Interpretive Center

Location:	Jersey City, NJ
Website:	http://www.state.nj.us/dep/forestry/parks/liberty.htm
Description:	The Interpretive Center at Liberty State Park is an environmental and historical education facility located on Freedom Way. Open year round the center features exhibits focusing on the natural history and ecology of the Hudson River Estuary and offers programs for school and community groups and the general public.
School/Camp Programs:	Save a Place for Wildlife; Estuary Explorers; The Urban Estuary for Young Scientists
Grades Served:	K-12
Fees:	Free!
Traveling Programs:	Various
Fees:	Free!
Public Programs:	Various – See website for calendar.
Fees:	Free! Pre-registration required.
Phone Number:	201/915-3409
Additional Information:	The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection operates interpretive centers in many of New Jersey's state parks. See http://www.state.nj.us/dep/parksandforests/ for details.

Long Island City Boathouse

Location:	Queens
Website:	http://licboathouse.org
Description:	The Long Island City Community Boathouse hopes to raise awareness of estuary ecology with the goal of restoring the natural beauty and health of the New York harbor.
Public Programs:	Volunteer-led paddles.
Fees:	Free!
Availability:	Weekday and weekend paddles. Some available for walk-ups, some through lottery system. Check website for information. All paddles subject to cancellation due to weather.
Email Address:	licboathouse@gmail.com

Lower East Side Ecology Center

Location:	Manhattan/Other Boroughs
Website:	http://lesecologycenter.org
Description:	Water in NYC educates New Yorkers of all ages to become stewards of the water that surrounds us. Through water quality improvement and harbor estuary restoration, this natural resource can be re-established to be a teaming and safe habitat for active recreation and aquatic life. Workshop topics include water conservation, the urban water cycle, combined sewer overflows and many more.
School/Camp Programs:	Fishing Clinics; East River Exploration; Climate & Water; Urban Water Cycle; CSOs
Grades Served:	K-12
Fees:	Free for public schools, \$200/hour workshop for private entities.
Traveling Program:	Most programs are taught in East River Park, Manhattan. However, all are available for in-the-classroom, except for fishing clinics. Availability and travel is dependent upon staff availability and location.
Public Programs:	Calendar of events located on website.
Fees:	Free!
Contact Person:	Tara DePorte, Program Director
Phone Number:	212/477-4022
Email Address:	tara@lesecologycenter.org

Meadowlands Environmental Center

Location:	Lyndhurst, NJ
Website:	http://www.rst2.edu/meadowlands
Description:	Through inquiry learning and cross-curricular activities, you and your students will experience the best of these unique wetlands.
School/Camp Programs:	Various, including scout programs.
Grades Served:	K-12
Fees:	\$5.00 per student
Phone Number:	201/460-8300
Email Address:	education@njmeadowlands.gov
Public Programs:	Calendar of programs on website.

Narrows Botanical Gardens

Location:	Brooklyn
Website:	http://narrowsbg.org
Description:	From April through October, the Narrows Botanical Gardens offers a free educational program for elementary and middle school aged children.
School/Camp Programs:	One customizable program
Grades Served:	K-8
Fees:	Free
Contact Person:	Helen Bruno
Phone Number:	718/238-1692

New Jersey Marine Sciences Consortium

Location:	Fort Hancock, NJ
Website:	http://njmsc.org/
Description:	The Education Program provides meaningful educational activities in marine and related environmental sciences to a wide range of audiences. Goals include increased environmental stewardship, provision of unbiased information for informed decision making and increased science literacy for all.
School/Camp Programs:	The Coastal Experience for school groups (Marsh and Ocean Environments, Salt Marsh Ecology, Lenape and the Jersey Shore, Barrier Beach Dynamics, Comparative Study of Barrier Island Communities); All Hands on Deck (Harbor Education); Summer Field Trip Opportunities (Marsh and Ocean Environments, Secrets of the Salt Marsh, Sea Shell Science, On Sandy Shores, Happiness is a Horseshoe Crab, Lenape and the Jersey Shore). Scout programs also available.
Grades Served:	K-12
Fees:	<i>School group:</i> \$210-250 per class, 5 hour program; <i>Summer group:</i> \$210 per group, 5 hour program; \$150 per group, 2.5 hour program.
Contact Person:	Cindi Valkos
Phone Number:	732/872-1300 x13
Email Address:	cvalkos@njmsc.org
Traveling Programs:	Oceans to Go (Sand Lab, What Lives in a Shell, Incredible Crustaceans, Lenape and the Jersey Shore, Horseshoe Crab Investigation, Fish Anatomy and Morphology, CSI – Clam Shell Investigations, Ocean in Motion, Web of Life, Ports, Harbors, and Estuaries)
Fees:	After School & Evening Programs: \$325, up to 50 students. In-School Programs: \$540 for up to 4 classes, 30 students per class. Transportation fees may apply.
Contact Person:	Rosemary Higgins
Phone Number:	732/872-1300 x19
Email Address:	rhiggins@njmsc.org
Public Programs:	Ocean Fun Days; Coast Days NJ; Happiness is a Horseshoe Crab
Fees:	Ocean Fun Days/Coast Days NJ are free. Happiness is a Horseshoe Crab, \$8.00 per person.
Availability:	Calendar on website.
Additional Information:	Pre- and Post-Trip resources and other information for educators available on website. Virtual Classroom program.

New York Aquarium

Location:	Brooklyn
Website:	http://nyaquarium.org
Description:	The Education Division of the Wildlife Conservation Society offers a wide range of opportunities to enhance science curricula for grades K-12. Our time-tested, teacher-endorsed programs are aligned with the National Science Education Standards.
School/Camp Programs:	In the Sea; Designed for the Deep; Fins & Feathers; The Edge of the Sea; Deep, Dark and Glowing; Marine Mammals; The Ins and Outs of Invertebrates; Beach Ecology and Collecting Techniques; Fish: Diversity & Adaptations; Invertebrate Design; Sustainable Seas
Grades Served:	K-12
Fees:	\$185-255 per class
Phone Number:	718/265-3457
Additional Information:	The Aquarium runs the Aquatic Adventurers (ages 6-8) and Marine Explorers (ages 9-12) day camps. Fees for each are \$275 for non-members, \$250 for members. The Aquarium also runs a social networking site for teens who want to protect the planet, http://teens4planetearth.com
Public Programs:	Daily demonstrations and animal feedings.

New York City Soil and Water Conservation District

Location:	Manhattan
Website:	http://www.nycswcd.net
Description:	The primary objective of Wonderful Watersheds is to get teachers and students outside to explore the watershed. To accomplish this, we have developed a curriculum that incorporates field trips to local natural areas so that students can learn about the Hudson River Watershed.
School Programs:	Wonderful Watersheds
Grades Served:	K-12
Fees:	Free training workshops are offered to introduce teachers to the curriculum, demonstrate water quality related field-trip activities, and provide a forum for networking with educators and community organizations. Following Wonderful Watersheds training, teachers are provided with a free educator-led fieldtrip!
Additional Information:	The NYCSWCD also puts together the Envirothon, a yearly competition wherein high school students demonstrate their knowledge of environmental science.
Contact Person:	Rebecca Schultz
Phone Number:	212/431-9676
Email Address:	rebecca@nycswcd.net

New York Kayak Polo

Location:	Manhattan
Website:	http://nykayakpolo.org
Description:	This club is devoted to developing and promoting the sport of Kayak Polo in the New York City area. Men and women of all ages, ability, and experience level to join.
Public Programs:	Intro Sessions; New Player Sessions; Club Practices & Games
Fees:	\$5 American Canoe Association insurance fee for all events and programs (waived with ACA membership). Intro sessions are free, fees for other programs vary. NYKP membership is \$150 annually.
Availability:	Intro sessions are held once a month, and other sessions have varying schedules. See website for updated calendar.
Email Address:	nykayakpolo@gmail.com
Yahoo! Group:	http://sports.groups.yahoo.com/group/nykayakpolo/

New York Outrigger

Location:	Manhattan
Website:	http://newyorkoutrigger.org
Description:	New York Outrigger is Manhattan Island's first outrigger canoe club. Come experience a little bit of Hawaii and Polynesian Culture against the backdrop of the Manhattan skyline in the Hudson River.
Public Programs:	Novice sessions for participants 14 years of age and up.
Fees:	Free!
Availability:	Saturdays, April-October, weather permitting. 3 Sessions: 10:30-11:45; 11:15-12:30; 12:00-1:15
Additional Information:	Once paddlers are deemed ready to join experienced crews, membership is available for \$325 per person per season.
Contact Person:	Keith Tsang
Email Address:	keith@newyorkoutrigger.org

Red Hook Boaters

Location:	Brooklyn
Website:	http://redhookboaters.org
Description:	Participants utilize club canoes or kayaks for a short paddle inside the protected area of Louis Valentino Jr. Pier Park. Paddlers are free to explore the protected cove at their own pace.
Public Programs:	15-20 minute open paddles
Fees:	Free! Before or after your trip, Red Hook Boaters ask that you help with the beach cleanup, by removing trash that has washed ashore. Gloves and trash bags are supplied.
Availability:	See calendar on website
Additional Information:	On a few dates throughout the season, experienced paddlers who have volunteered with the Red Hook Boaters may join open water tours to the Brooklyn Bridge Park, Governors Island, the Gowanus Canal, or the shorelines of Red Hook and Buttermilk Channel.
Phone Number:	917/676-6458
Email Address:	info@redhookboaters.org

Rocking the Boat

Location:	Bronx
Website:	http://www.rockingtheboat.org/
Description:	Through a wide range of boat-building and on-water education programs, Rocking the Boat instills knowledge and responsibility in young students and community members. "Kids don't just build boats at Rocking the Boat, boats build kids."
School/Camp Programs:	The On-Water Group Programs (On-Water Classroom, Professional Development for Teachers, Teambuilding, and Ecology Tours)
Grades Served:	K -12
Availability:	Fall and Spring Academic semesters; summer
Fees:	School and Non-Profit: \$350 for up to 25 people for 2 hours; \$500 for up to 25 people for 3 hours For-Profit Business: \$700 for up to 25 people for 2 hours \$1,000 for up to 25 people for 3 hours
Other Youth Programs:	Community Rowing; Youth Advocacy; Job Skills Apprentice Program; After-School Boatbuilding; Summer Boatbuilding Program at Philipsburg Manor
Fees & Information:	See website for details or contact Rocking the Boat.
Contact Person:	Chrissy Word, Director of Public Programs
Phone Number:	718/466-5799

Row New York

Location:	Queens
Website:	http://www.rownewyork.org
Description:	Row New York was founded on the belief that a sport that improves physical and mental health and teaches the invaluable lessons of teamwork, tenacity, and commitment to self and others should be available to the young women of New York City.
School Programs:	Middle schools can partner with Row New York to provide after school rowing for 2 hours, once a week for girls.
Fees:	Free!
Camp Programs:	During the summer, Row New York offers field trips and discovery days to New York City area youth groups. In a single visit, groups can experience the first lessons of rowing, from bladework to teamwork. Participants learn to row on the rowing machine, take strokes in an untippable rowing barge, and watch video footage of Olympic rowing.
Fees:	Free!
Other Programs:	Row New York has an intensive, 6-days-per-week, competitive high school rowing and academic support program for girls. No rowing experience is necessary to try out. The year is divided into 4 seasons, though not all participate year-round. Athletes begin at the novice team level, learning to row and competing against other 1 st -year rowers. At the end of the year, novices move onto the varsity program, an intensive training regimen that prepares rowers for regional competition and collegiate rowing.
Fees:	Free!
Public Programs:	Row New York has a series of Adult Learn-to-Row classes, the fees from which support the organization's extensive youth programming.
Fees:	\$150-200 for 4-6 classes at many levels. See website for more info.
Phone Number:	718/433-3075
Email Address:	info@rownewyork.org (Youth Programs & General Inquiries) registration@rownewyork.org (Adult Learn-to-Row Program)

Sebago Canoe Club

Location:	Brooklyn
Website:	http://sebagocanoeclub.org
Description:	The Club organizes open paddles in Jamaica Bay (Gateway National Park). Many trips feature guest lecturers who will accompany paddlers and speak on environmental issues and other topics of interest.
Camp Programs:	Guided group tours for youth up to 16 years of age.
Fees:	Free!
Availability:	July and August, specific dates to be determined by Sebago Canoe Club and participating organizations. Programs include a 20-minute on land introduction and up to 1 hour of paddling.
Public Programs:	Guided paddles for participants 16 years of age and up.
Fees:	\$10 per person
Availability:	Wednesdays (5:30 pm) and Saturdays (9:30 am), June-September, weather permitting. Programs include a 30 minute introduction on land and up to 2 hours of paddling.
Additional Information:	The Club also has kayak fishing, sailing, rowing, and other programs.
Phone Number:	718/241.3683
Email Address:	contact@sebagocanoeclub.org

Solar One Green Energy, Arts & Education Center

Location:	Manhattan
Website:	http://solar1.org
Description:	Visitors can learn about the science and history of Stuyvesant Cove Park and the East River while participating in water quality testing and analysis, native plant studies, wildlife observations, oyster gardening, and composting, among other activities
School/Camp Programs:	Estuary Ecology Program, field trip visit only
Grades Served:	4-12
Fees:	\$154 per class
Phone Number:	646/576-1813
Email Address:	education@solar1.org
Public Programs:	See website for calendar and details about Solar One's green programming.
Fees:	Most are Free!

South Street Seaport Museum

Location:	Manhattan
Website:	http://seany.org
Description:	The South Street Seaport Museum is located in a 12 square-block historic district on the East River in Lower Manhattan, the site of the original port of New York City. The Museum's school programs use a variety of learning methods to help students formulate a personal response to history and science.
School/Camp Programs:	Ship Shape; Taste of the Sea; Know the Ropes; It's Alive
Grades Served:	K-12
Fees:	\$130-180 per class
Phone Number:	212/748-8757
Email Address:	schoolprograms@southstseaport.org
Other Programs:	The museum also offers a program whereby students experience a harbor sail aboard the schooner <i>Pioneer</i> . The program is 90 minutes long and costs \$700.
Public Programs:	The museum offers free admission to its galleries the third Friday of every month from 5-9 pm, and discounted public programs many Wednesday evenings (see website for details and dates).
Phone Number:	212/748-8786
Email Address:	reservations@southstseaport.org

Staten Island Museum

Location:	Staten Island
Website:	http://statenislandmuseum.org
Description:	Founded in 1881 and home to more than two million artifacts and specimens from ancient to contemporary periods, this “mini-Smithsonian” is rich with arts, natural sciences and local history.
School Programs:	The Ferry Tour; A Day at the Beach; Animal Homes; Beach Habitat; Animal Homes Field Experience
Grades Served:	K-10
Fees:	\$120 per group for classes taught in museum; \$140 per group for classes taught outside museum building
Contact Person:	Loretta Lonecke
Phone Number:	718/483-7103
Email Address:	llonecke@statenislandmuseum.org
Camp Programs:	Contact the Education Department for details.
Phone Number:	718/727-1135 x103
Traveling Programs:	Educators available for lectures at your site or event.
Fees:	\$75 per lecture
Phone Number:	718/727-1135 x123 History Department 718/727-1135 x110 Science Department
Public Programs:	Exhibits open to public. Adult Tours begin at \$5 per person. Wide array of family and other programming, details on website.

Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary & Audubon Center

Location:	Oyster Bay, NY
Website:	http://ny.audubon.org/CentersEdu/TRoosevelt.html
Description:	Highly qualified educators conduct nature programs at the Sanctuary or at a site of your choice. We use live non-releasable wildlife, natural areas, artifacts and an exciting assortment of activities to help people discover the natural world.
School/Camp Programs:	Coastal Ecology at Beekman Beach
Grades Served:	3-12
Fees:	\$200 for up to 25 students, \$8 per student beyond 25.
Public Programs:	School vacation and day camp programs, fees vary. Weekend family and adult programs. See website for details.
Phone Number:	516/922-3200

Urban Park Rangers

Location:	All Boroughs
Website:	http://nycgovparks.org
Description:	Urban Park Rangers offer an unforgettable outdoor adventure that fosters trust, problem solving, team-building, and overcoming fear in a safe, secure environment right here in New York City.
The Natural Classroom:	On their park visit, teachers and students learn about the value of natural resources first-hand from Urban Park Rangers. Each program includes pre-visit and post-visit activities and materials that help the teachers extend the visit into the classroom. <i>Relevant Programs:</i> Citizen Science: Water Quality Testing; Ecology: The Web of Life; Ichthyology: A School of Fish; Explorers: Way to Go! (optional canoe trip add-on may be available for additional fee); Historic Houses: Yesterday, Today.
Grades served:	K-8
Fees:	\$100 materials fee per group
Contact Numbers:	Call 311 and ask for the Urban Park Rangers
Adventure Programs:	Full-day or overnight programs are available for participants ages 8 and up. Programs can be tailored to meet the requirements and specifications of each group. Half-day or shorter programs can be arranged. Pre-registration is required. Programs are available weekdays from June through August (weather permitting).
Grades served:	3-12
Fees:	\$250 for day programs; \$500 for overnight camping programs
Contact Numbers:	Pelham Bay Park, Bronx: (718) 885-3467 Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx: (718) 548-0912 Marine Park, Brooklyn: (718) 421-2021 Prospect Park, Brooklyn: (718) 722-3218 Central Park, Manhattan: (212) 628-2345 Inwood Hill Park, Manhattan: (212) 304-3401 Alley Pond Park, Queens: (718) 217-4685 or (718) 217-6034 Forest Park, Queens: (718) 846-2731 Fort Totten Park, Queens: (718) 352-1769 Blue Heron Park, Staten Island: (718) 967-3542 High Rock Park, Staten Island: (718) 967-3542
Public Programs:	<i>Explorer Program:</i> Every weekend in all five boroughs there's an Explorer Program in a park near you. Families, adults and seniors are welcome at these evening and weekend programs.
Fees:	Free! See website for calendar and information.
Other Resources:	The Parks Department also operates Nature Centers in many of the city's parks, which are starting points for nature walks and activities, and offer exhibits about the city's natural resources. More information is available on the Parks Department's website, above.

Village Community Boathouse

Location:	Manhattan
Website:	http://villagecommunityboathouse.org
Description:	The mission of the Village Community Boathouse is to promote awareness of the public ownership of our urban waterways and to provide the means for everyone to access them.
School Programs:	The Boathouse has partnerships with several schools to do boatbuilding and rowing with students in multi-visit programs. Other school visits may be arranged with lead-time; inquire for details. Not suitable for one-time group visits.
Grades Served:	9-12
Fees:	\$10 per student minimum donation. Some funding may be available with demonstrated need.
Availability:	Limited after school availability.
Public Programs:	Community rowing sessions from May to November from its location on Pier 40 in Hudson River Park. Winter boatbuilding sessions are also free and open to public participation.
Fees:	Free!
Availability:	Rowing Sessions: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30 pm to Dusk; Sundays at noon, May-November. Contact them for information on winter boatbuilding
Contact Person:	Rob Buchanan
Email Address:	info@villagecommunityboathouse.org

Visitor Center at Newtown Creek

Location:	Brooklyn
Website:	http://www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/environmental_education/newtown_visitors_center.shtml
Description:	Located at the Newtown Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP), the largest of New York City's 14 treatment plants, the Visitor Center features DEP employees who narrate the cycle of water from water supply to distribution, wastewater treatment, and harbor water quality.
School Programs:	What Happens at a Wastewater Treatment Plant; Where does our Drinking Water Come From; How do we Monitor Water Quality in the Harbor; Why is Clean Water so Important
Grades Served:	K-12
Fees:	Free!
Public Programs:	Tours available. Call or email for information.
Fees:	Free!
Additional Information:	The Visitor Center is open to the public on Fridays and Saturdays from noon-4. They are open on Tuesdays and Thursdays by appointment only for school/youth groups. NYC DEP also offers a range of teacher training workshops, curricula, and materials for use in the classroom. They are also partnered with South Street Seaport Museum for the Living Harbor Wet Lab.
Phone Number:	718/595-3506
Email Address:	educationoffice@dep.nyc.gov

Waterfront Museum

Location:	Brooklyn
Website:	http://waterfrontmuseum.org
Description:	The Waterfront Museum is a floating classroom aboard the world's last remaining covered wooden barge. Visitors learn first hand the geography of the New York Harbor, the history of the Tug and Barge "Lighterage Era" and how food and other goods were transported prior to today's bridges and tunnels.
School/Camp Programs:	General Program
Grades Served:	K-12
Fees:	\$10 per person
Public Programs:	Exhibits, Group Tours, Performances, Music Series & More.
Fees:	Vary by program; see website for details.
Contact Person:	David Sharps
Phone Number:	718/624-4719 x11
Email Address:	dsharps@waterfrontmuseum.org

Weehawken Rowing

Location:	Weehawken, NJ
Website:	http://www.weerow.org
Description:	Weehawken Rowing offers the opportunity to row and sail on the Hudson River and New York Harbor on one of "WeeRow's" two boats, accompanied by an experienced coxswain.
Public Programs:	Public rowing sessions
Fees:	\$5 per person suggested donation
Availability:	May-November, most weekends and Wednesday evenings. See website for details.
Additional Information:	Online pre-registration preferred.
Email Address:	weerow@weerow.org