

2023 SEDGE ISLAND FIELD EXPERIENCE

JULY 17-19, 2023

New Jersey Fish & Wildlife is offering a 3-day, 2-night program open to motivated students going into grades 7 through 9 in September 2023 who are interested in exploring New Jersey's salt marsh environment.

While staying at Sedge Island, students will learn about conservation while exploring the natural and cultural history of Barnegat Bay through the use of kayaks, microscopes, nets, and other scientific tools. Students will have the opportunity to gather information about the flora and fauna of Barnegat Bay; learn about the history of the area through fishing, crabbing, and clamming; and develop leadership skills to improve confidence in making environmentally friendly decisions.

Accommodations: Students will share a bunk room while staying in the rustic Sedge House. The house is completely off-grid; solar panels provide electricity; composting toilets handle human waste; and a shallow well provides running water for washing dishes and hands. Students will not be showering during their stay. There is an outside rinse-off shower. View the Sedge Island facility by watching the [Sedge House Tour](#).



Cost: \$300.00*

*Financial assistance is available.

Deadline to apply is March 31, 2023.

For more information or questions contact

Karen Byrne at 609-947-1201 or karen.byrne@dep.nj.gov.

For Students
Entering Grades
7 – 9 in the
fall of 2023



To Apply

- Complete the [Application Page](#).
- Write a **Letter of Interest** explaining why you want to attend the Sedge Island Field Experience.
- Get a **Letter of Recommendation** from a teacher or community leader that can attest to your character and work ethic.

Email all three documents to
karen.byrne@dep.nj.gov.

Space is limited!

Applicants will go through a competitive application process.

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Students who are selected will be notified by April 14.

All programs will follow current New Jersey COVID-19 guidelines.

