COASTAL CAMP at Third Beach

(Entering grades 2-3 for Sessions 1, 2, 8; grades 4-6 for Sessions 3, 5, 6; grades 7-8 for Sessions 4, 7)

Monday-Friday 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. Sessions 1-8

In this popular program, campers have the opportunity to explore tide pools, catch fish, and conduct experiments at Norman Bird Sanctuary’s Coastal Education Center at Third Beach. Coastal Camp is offered to three different age groups in eight one-week sessions. Space is limited, so sign up quickly! After the initial Monday morning drop off at our main campus, drop off and pick up will be at the Coastal Education Center at Third Beach for the remainder of the week.

Coastal Camp is enrolled up to 12 campers with 2 staff per session.

Session 1: Shell-Abra-tion! (Entering Grades 2-3): This week we will celebrate all of the shelled creatures that live at the beach! From clams to snails, songs, games, and plenty of trips to “crab town” will help us learn along the way.

Session 2: Creatures of the Sand (Entering Grades 2-3): This week we will learn about all the animals that live in and around the sand beneath our feet. Campers will visit Third Beach each day while sifting through sand in search of creatures.

Session 3: Tide Pools to Trenches (Entering Grades 4-6): This week we will explore the animals that live in different marine habitats from the shallowest tide pools to the deepest ocean trenches. Hands on sampling at Crabtown and Third Beach will accompany classroom activities such as dissections.

Session 4: Life on the Edge (Entering Grades 7-8): This week we will explore the various ecosystems found near the beach. The dunes and marshes found around the Coastal Education Center at Third Beach are excellent places to look for shy and secretive animals. We will take some time to observe and learn about these unique creatures.

Session 5: Shark Science (Entering Grades 4-6): Celebrate shark week at NBS with a whole week dedicated to these epic ocean predators! In this week of camp we will learn how sharks are adapted to find their prey and survive across the globe.

Session 6: Perfect Predators (Entering Grades 4-6): From birds to sharks a variety of animals hunt for food in the world’s oceans. In this week of camp we will explore different marine predators and their adaptations for finding and catching their prey.

Session 7: Aquarium Ambassadors (Entering Grades 7-8): Zoos and aquariums are great places for people to learn about animals we otherwise might never see. In this week of camp we learn what it takes to keep our seasonal aquarium healthy and thriving at the Coastal Education Center. Campers will help catch and care for specimens on display!

Session 8: Fish Frenzy (Entering Grades 2-3): This week is all about scales and tails as we dive into the wild world of fish. We will use nets and other tools to sample the waters in search of local fish, documenting the species that are swimming offshore at NBS!

Sessions 1-8: $290 per session for Members & $315 per session for Non-members

Coastal Camp fee includes 1 NBS Camp T-shirt.