



STATEN ISLAND STUDENT SUMMIT

Middle Schools (Grades 5-8)

Thursday, April 18th

**Great Kills Park,
Staten Island, NY**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Application Deadline:

April 1, 2024

Science Can Be a Day at the Beach

An Environmental Extravaganza: Staten Island Student Summit Great Kills Park - April 18, 2024

Student Activities Overview

Introduction- Living Close to the Water

The day begins with a short presentation led by experts on local land and marine species. Students will learn interesting facts about some local animals and their habitats and find out what people can do to protect them!

Seaside Stations: Environmental Extravaganza!

The roundtable portion of the Student Summit includes a series of interactive work stations with a variety of hands-on activities for students to learn about the environment. Some of the topics covered **may** include: Horseshoe Crabs, Oyster Restoration, Nonpoint Source Pollution, and more.

Field Workshops

Schools and classes will be divided and students will participate in one of the field activities.

The goal is that each school will have students who have attended all field workshops. Some of the workshops **may** include: Seining, Seaside Scavenger Hunt, Nature Walk, Fishing, Beach Sweeps-Understanding Marine Debris, and more.



About the Summit:

The Student Summit expands learning beyond the classroom. It is designed to provide middle school (Grades 5-6) students who come from different areas of Staten Island with an opportunity to experience hands-on, marine environmental education. The activities included in the Summit have been selected to present students with an interdisciplinary marine and environmental education experience.

Summit Location:

Great Kills Park, Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY

How To Apply — Three Easy Steps

Step 1: Agree to Terms of Participation

Carefully review the terms listed in this document. They work to ensure all participants have a productive day. Please send a signed copy with your application.

Step 2: Complete Application Form

The responses are used to assess environmental programs in schools and to determine how schools will use the lessons and experiences at the Student Summit in their schools and classrooms.

Step 3: Send Application Form and Signed Terms of Participation by April 1, 2024 to:

Clean Ocean Action, "Staten Island Student Summit"
49 Avenel Blvd., Long Branch, NJ 07740.

We suggest you make bus reservations and arrangements and receive the necessary approval from your school as soon as possible. Schools will be notified of their acceptance shortly after the application deadline.

Costs/Refund:

The program and all materials are free. Transportation and lunch must be provided by participants.

Dress Requirements:

Coastal locations are usually cold and windy. Advise the students to dress according to the weather, bring additional layers of clothes, and wear sneakers or hiking shoes. A hat, sunglasses and sunscreen are recommended. COA reserves the right to exclude or limit participation to anyone whose dress is inappropriate.

Weather Advisory - No Rain Date

Appropriate outerwear is mandatory; noncompliance may result in the student's participation being restricted by staff. In the case of extreme and dangerous weather, the event will be cancelled. Otherwise, **the event is held rain or shine.**



"I absolutely love bringing my students to this event. It is a great way to introduce them to marine science, field work and future educational opportunities!"

- a Student Summit teacher participant

**Clean Ocean Action's
Great Kills Park Staten Island Student Summit**

Terms of Participation:

The program is **free** to all participants. However, ***schools must provide their own transportation and lunches.*** Space is limited. Therefore, Clean Ocean Action has established the following guidelines. In submitting this application, you understand and agree to the terms of participation. Please initial that you have read, understand, and agree to each bullet and return with the application by April 1, 2024.

- ◆ Students, teachers, and chaperones may be photographed or filmed by COA during the Summit. Teachers must notify COA before the Summit if any student(s) cannot be photographed. Students who cannot be photographed must complete a Non-Permission Release Form, and the teacher must present it to COA staff on the day of Summit. The form will be included in the materials send with acceptance into the Student Summit. _____(initials)
- ◆ Maximum number of students from each school is **30**. _____ (initials)
- ◆ Students, teachers, and chaperones are assigned to workshops in the Summit. **Students and chaperones will be separated and divided among all field trips so that each school will have students who have attended all activities. Students will be mixed with other schools. No changes will be allowed.** _____(initials)
- ◆ **Arrival time is by 10:00 am sharp. Departure time is 1:00 PM.** _____(initials)
- ◆ Schools are responsible for their own transportation to and from the Summit. _____ (initials)
- ◆ Students, teachers and chaperones will provide their own lunch. Facilities to buy lunch are not available. A healthy snack and water will be provided by COA. _____ (Initials)
- ◆ Schools must bring **1** chaperone/teacher per **10** students. Chaperones will be required to assist in monitoring students from all schools during the Summit. Teachers, please pass along these terms to chaperones! _____ (initials)
- ◆ COA reserves the right to exclude or limit participation to anyone whose behavior or dress (*see below*) is inappropriate or disruptive to any students' learning experiences. _____ (initials)
- ◆ Teachers and students must demonstrate a desire to learn about the marine environment, (*see application*). _____ (initials)
- ◆ Students must bring their own pencils and clipboards. _____ (initials)
- ◆ COA will provide schools with bags for their trash (black) and recyclables (white). Schools must bring their garbage bags out of the park and back to school for proper disposal. _____ (initials)
- ◆ On the date of the Student Summit, teachers and students must comply with all applicable COVID measures recommended by the CDC and all such requirements imposed by the State of NY. _____ (initials)

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_____ (initials)

School name: _____

Teacher Name: _____

I understand and have initialed the Terms of Participation.

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return this initialed Terms of Participation with your application and retain a copy for your records.

2024 STATEN ISLAND STUDENT SUMMIT APPLICATION

Thursday, April 18, 2024

Teacher/Advisor Name: _____

School: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____

Zip Code: _____ County: _____

Phone #: _____

Cell Phone # (Day of Summit): _____

Email address: _____

Number of Students (30 maximum) _____

Grade Level(s) _____

Number of Teachers and Chaperones (1 per 10 students) _____

Space for the Summit is limited. Acceptance into the program is determined by the answers to these important questions — NOT by how early the application arrives. Acceptance is NOT on a first-come, first-serve basis, but all applications must be submitted by April 1, 2024. Acceptance into the program will be sent via email shortly deadline. Feel free to attach more pages if necessary.

Describe how you integrate environmental education into your curriculum.

If environmental education is not a component of your curriculum, briefly discuss how the Student Summit could assist your educational needs.

What will you do with lessons learned at the Student Summit?

I have reviewed and agree with the Terms of Participation.

Please complete and return this application and signed Terms of Participation by emailing COA's Education Coordinator, Kristen Grazioso at: Education@CleanOceanAction.org OR by mailing to: Clean Ocean Action "Staten Island Student Summit" 49 Avenel Blvd. Long Branch, NJ 07740