



WELCOME TO DRIFTWOOD

Driftwood Education Center invites you and your students to discover our coastal classroom on St Simons Island where learning and fun go hand in hand. It is our goal to provide a unique and educational experience for all visitors. We are thrilled that you are interested in bringing your students to our center so that they may experience learning with you in our outdoor classroom.

Our curriculum is based on Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and National Performance Standards and focuses on hands-on educational experiences. After an up-close and personal investigation of the salt marsh, students view this muddy habitat as much more than a place where mosquitoes come from. Dissecting squid, fish and shrimp will excite students to see how similar we are to the animals around us. These are just two examples of many ways in which we instill wonder here at Driftwood. We realize that the appreciation of the natural world must be established before we can expect students to take responsibility into their own hands.

Another asset of our program that you will find to be very rewarding is not something that can be gauged in a lesson plan. At Driftwood, teachers and students alike step out of a normal role and see each other in a different perspective. As students live together for two and a half days, sharing exciting adventures as well as cabin space, a sense of community develops between them. They will make new friends and learn new things about themselves at the same time. In addition, you will be included in this new circle of friends. By eating together at dinner, singing together at fire circle, and helping each other learn, your students will be able to see you as a normal everyday person and a role model. The bond that forms between you and your students, and amongst your students, at Driftwood is a bond that will last far beyond the end of the school year.



OUR MISSION

Driftwood Education Center's mission is to cultivate an awareness of and personal responsibility for our aquatic ecosystems. Through our vast array of educational programming, all participants will continue to develop their social and life skills. Our learner based classes and activities weave one concept to another through four main themes [intertidal zones, freshwater, terrestrial ecosystems, and stewardship] which promote personal growth and critical thinking. It is the hope of Driftwood Education Center that our participants will become responsible members of their community and continue to have a lasting desire to care for and preserve their aquatic resources.



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TEACHER INFORMATION

The following information has been organized to help answer any questions you have about preparing for your trip, your role while you are here, and other details of our program. If you find anything unclear after reading through the packet, please contact us. We want your trip to go smoothly and be the best possible experience for you and your students.

Student Preparation – A number of steps can be taken to prepare your students ahead of time for their visit. You might want to discuss social issues like table manners, dorm rules, and proper behavior, as these things will make their learning experience more profitable. Building a background of vocabulary pertaining to marine biology may be helpful to your students.

Parent Preparation - In order to prepare the parents of your students, we have included a separate packet of information that you can photocopy and send home. The parent packet includes a medical form, a liability release, and packing list. We need to be aware of illnesses and significant medical history that students may have--this includes dietary information and current medications. The parent or guardian of the student participating in our program must sign the medical form. We need to be notified about any special diet restrictions at least one week in advance to accommodate the student's needs. Parents will also need to read and sign the liability release statement, which is included with the medical form.

Chaperone Preparation - To help your chaperones know what to expect and what is expected of them, we have a packet designed specifically for them. We strongly recommend you have a chaperone meeting to ensure all chaperones understand their vital role.

What to Bring - To prevent parents from over packing for their kids, we have made up a very specific equipment list that covers all the just-in-case items as well as the necessary ones. Dress should be appropriate for outdoor activities. Tie-up shoes are essential.



RESIDENT STAFF

What makes our program so exceptional and dynamic is the teaching staff that is selected from a large pool of applicants from all over the country and around the world. The staff members have degrees ranging from marine biology to forest ecology to environmental studies. Their genuine love of teaching and children assures your stay is fun, educational, and unforgettable.



PROGRAM COSTS

The rates for a one-day program covers instructions and any extra-cost items (field trips, High Ropes Challenge Course, Comparative Dissection, etc.)

Please note that some field trips and classes cost extra.

Two hotel rooms are provided for bus drivers and/or teachers if you pay \$5 per room per night (a nonexempt hotel tax fee). The base cost per person for the 2020-2021 school year is as follows:

- ___ \$18 per student for Day Use
- ___ \$10 per adult for Day Use
- ___ \$10 per person for a Single On-Site Class
- ___ \$5 per person per Offsite Class
- ___ \$10/person extra for Jekyll Island day trip
- ___ \$17/person extra for Jekyll Island with Georgia Sea Turtle Center
- ___ \$22/person extra for Jekyll Island with Transit Trawl
- ___ \$21/person extra for Okefenokee Boat field trip
- ___ \$30/person extra for Okefenokee Canoe field trip
- ___ \$32/person extra for Cumberland Island field trip *See Below + Guide Price (\$165/instructor) (min 8 people)
- ___ \$10/extra adult Cumberland Island National Park Service Fee (Cumberland Island fee waiver covers a ratio of 1 adult to 10 students, with tax exemption)
- ___ \$15/person extra for Transit Trawl on-site class (minimum charge 30 people)
- ___ \$3/student for Comparative Dissection
- ___ \$50/participant for High Ropes Course (must be 12 years of age or older and greater than 65 lbs)
- ___ \$10/person for Group T-shirts
- ___ \$1050 plus tip (\$2/person tip) for Lady Jane Trawl Boat in Brunswick, GA
- ___ \$14/person for on-site, buffet-style lunch
- ___ \$165/instructor for Cumberland Island Guide without group tickets purchase through Driftwood (min 8 people)

Call Driftwood for 1-, 2-, 4-, or 5-Day rates.

These fees apply to all Driftwood guests. You may apply this to a student or a teacher. We require a Reservation Fee of \$250, a Cumberland Island Trip Deposit of \$250, and a 20% non-refundable deposit to confirm your program dates. The Reservation Fee is due 2 months after booking. The Cumberland Trip Deposit is due 2 months after booking. The deposit is due two months prior to trip date. Please call for alternative arrangements if you are unable to meet these deadlines.

*******Make checks payable to Driftwood Education Center*******

Make sure to send home the parent information early. Signed medical forms and permission slips need to be returned to you well in advance. Please send us the medical forms, and check to see that they are signed so students may participate. We also need you to send us the Reservation for Facility Use with accurate participant numbers to inform our kitchen and reserve cabin space, and the Curriculum Request sheet and Program Goals sheet so we can design your schedule, and if you choose field trips, make these reservations well in advance. Cumberland Island trips as well as Sea Turtle Center and Transit Trawl trips will require seven months notice, or no assurances can be given. We also recommend you have a chaperone meeting to explain their role and answer their questions before they arrive. All the information previously mention is including in this packet.



TEACHER'S ROLE

While you are here at Driftwood Education Center with your students, your participation will greatly benefit their learning experience. Teachers are required to be present at all times throughout the trip.

**Adult supervision is necessary, either by teachers or parent chaperones, during all classes, meals, and free time.*

During the classes, teachers and chaperones are encouraged to participate rather than just observe the activities. The experience here at Driftwood is just as much for you as it is for your students. Please feel free to provide input and learn alongside the students. This will help strengthen the relationships within your group, and allow you to become more involved in the program. Our instructors will do all the teaching, but ask that you help in any discipline problems. This will allow the instructor to spend more time teaching and less time trying to keep order. We want you to learn and enjoy with your students, but we also want the students to understand that they are here to learn.

A few important policies of Driftwood Education Center that need to be communicated to all teachers and chaperones participating on the field trip are as follows:

- Driftwood reserves the right to send a student home for extreme discipline problems (fighting, vandalism, violence, etc.) or for illness.
- Driftwood is located on the property of a Methodist Conference Center; therefore no alcohol is permitted.
- Adult smoking is allowed outside and away from the group, with the condition that cigarette butts are disposed of properly.
- There is a swimming pool on the property, but it is off limit since it is only open in the summer months.
- Vending machines should only be used at the end of the day, after evening programs. An adult must always accompany children with schools approval.
- The Epworth gift shop, should you allow the students to visit, should only be used before or after meals and limited to five students at a time. An adult must always accompany children with schools approval.

Driftwood Education Center staff cannot dispense any medications, prescription or otherwise. This includes Tylenol, cough drops, and other over the counter medicines. Please make necessary arrangements to deal with medications on your own. In the event of an emergency during your program, contact the Driftwood staff. They should be informed of all injuries or illnesses immediately.

If you decide to bring extra snacks or bottles water, please store the food in the Brown Center. There are water fountain all over property but you are welcome to bring extra water especially for day trips.

We look forward to your visit to Driftwood Education Center, and we hope it will be fun and rewarding for you and your students. Please do not hesitate to call if anything is unclear or if you need to make special arrangements for your group.



CHECKLIST FOR DRIFTWOOD TRIP

1. **Immediately** after reserving our trip:

Send in: _____ Reservation for Facility Use form immediately after booking

Send in: _____ Reservation Fee of \$250 within 2 months of booking

Send in: _____ Curriculum request form within 2 months of booking (*let us know as early as possible for field trip reservations)

_____ Inform us if you would like a day trip to Cumberland Island, Okefenokee Swamp, or Jekyll Island (and which option) with approximate student and adult numbers (no assurance is given)

Send in: _____ \$250 non-refundable Cumberland Island Deposit within 2 months of booking if this is your trip of choice

2. **Seven Months** prior to trip:

Send in: _____ Most accurate student / adult numbers for booking Field Trips (Cumberland Island, Sea Turtle, etc.)

3. **Two months** prior to trip:

Send in: _____ Additional 20% non-refundable deposit (separate from Reservation Fee and Cumberland Island Deposit, if applicable)

4. **Three weeks** in advance:

_____ Call in or email final participant numbers (***After this point, the invoice is finalized, and a 25% per person fee will be kept for every person that does not show. All extra cost items will also be charged, in the full amount, for the absent participants.***)

****We must know as soon as possible of any changes in group size for Cumberland Island field trip reservations. We will do our best to accommodate changes, but we cannot make guarantees.****

_____ Upload all student and adult Health and Liability Forms to the Google Drive Link provided to you via e-mail from the Program Director

_____ Add any participant food allergies/dietary restrictions to the Google Document located in the Google Drive Link provided to you via e-mail from the Program Director

5. **One week** in advance

_____ Split students into field groups: ~12 students per group (unless otherwise discussed)

_____ Have students make nametags. Also, go over what to bring, what not to bring, and expectations for the trip. Please note that arrival lunches can be served no later 2 p.m. and after 1:00 will incur a \$100 charge.

6. **Upon Arrival** at Driftwood:

_____ Bring final payment

Contact Information:

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RESERVATIONS FOR FACILITY USE 2020-2021

Day Group

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Name of School _____

Address _____

County _____

School Phone _____ Grade _____

Lead Teacher _____

Lead Teacher's Email Address _____

Lead Teacher's Cell Phone _____

Arrival Date _____ Arrival Time: _____ Departure Time: _____

Estimated Number of Students: Male _____ Female _____ Total _____

Estimated Number of Teachers: Male _____ Female _____ Total _____

Estimated Number of Chaperones: Male _____ Female _____ Total _____

Estimated Grand Total: People _____ Number of Bus Drivers _____

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___\$21/person extra for Okefenokee Boat field trip

___\$30/person extra for Okefenokee Canoe field trip

___\$32/person extra for Cumberland Island field trip*^{See Below} + Guide Price (\$165/instructor)
(min 8 people)

___\$10/extra adult Cumberland Island National Park Service Fee (Cumberland Island fee waiver covers a ratio of 1 adult to 10 students, with tax exemption)

___\$15/person extra for Transit Trawl on-site class (minimum charge 30 people)

___\$3/student for Comparative Dissection

___\$50/participant for High Ropes Course (must be 12 years of age or older and greater than 65 lbs)

___\$10/person for Group T-shirts

___\$1050 plus tip (\$2/person tip) for Lady Jane Trawl Boat in Brunswick, GA

___\$14/person for on-site, buffet-style lunch

___\$165/instructor for Cumberland Island Guide without group tickets purchase through Driftwood (min 8 people)

We agree to pay \$_____ per person, which is an estimated total of \$_____ for our trip. This price includes our meals, instruction, field trips or additional cost activities, if we chose those. We will send in this form immediately to confirm our trip. We agree to pay a \$250 non-refundable, non-transferable Reservation Fee for groups not going to Cumberland (see below for Cumberland deposit) within 2 months of receiving the Reservation Use Form. We know we may lose our reservation by not paying this Reservation Fee. The Reservation Fee goes towards the total cost of our trip, but we understand we will not be refunded the Reservation Fee and must pay a new Reservation Fee if we decide to reschedule our trip less than 3 months before the original trip's start date. We agree to pay an additional 20% non-refundable deposit to continue to hold our dates two months prior to our trip. We understand that once off-property field trips are booked, we will be responsible for all field trip charges in the event that we cancel. We acknowledge that field trip and additional cost items are subject to change without warning. We understand that we must report final participant numbers 3 weeks prior to our trip. After this point, **the invoice is finalized and there will be a 25% per person fee for no-shows on the day of arrival. All extra cost items will also be charged, in the full amount, for the absent participants.** We also agree to:

- Arrive at the scheduled time. We understand that there will be a charge of \$100 for a late lunch fee if we arrive after 1:00pm and that Driftwood Education Center reserves the right to cancel the first class period if we arrive after 12:30pm.
 - Pay a 10-participant minimum cost if our participant numbers have dropped below 10 participants.
 - Bring a recommended 2 adults per 12 students (required minimum of 1 adult per 12 students) plus one required extra teacher/chaperone for our trip.
 - Comply with the alcohol policy, which prohibits the use of alcohol while on site.
- * If we choose the Cumberland Island day trip, we agree to pay an additional \$250 deposit at least 7 months prior to our trip date, combined with our Reservation Fee for a total deposit of \$500. We agree to give our best estimate on numbers at least 7 months prior to our trip for accurate ferry reservations. We understand that there is a Cumberland fee waiver that waives one adult entrance fee for every ten students with tax exemption, and any additional adults must pay a \$10 Park Service Fee (subject to change). We agree to fill out a Cumberland Island Fee Waiver form to return to Driftwood Education Center at least 7 months prior to our trip. Due to ferry company price changes, the ticket price for Cumberland Island is subject to change without warning. Driftwood cannot guarantee Cumberland Island field trip and tickets as this is subject to Cumberland Island ferry availability.

We agree to follow the basic timeline for deposits and general communication of our trip details to the Program Director:

1. **Immediately** after reserving our trip:

Send in: _____ Reservation for Facility Use form immediately after booking

Send in: _____ Reservation Fee of \$250 within 2 months of booking

Send in: _____ Curriculum request form within 2 months of booking (*let us know as early as possible for field trip reservations)

_____ Inform us if you would like a day trip to Cumberland Island, Okefenokee Swamp, or Jekyll Island (and which option) with approximate student and adult numbers (no assurance is given)

Send in: _____ \$250 non-refundable Cumberland Island Deposit within 2 months of booking if this is your trip of choice

2. **Seven Months** prior to trip:

Send in: _____ Most accurate student / adult numbers for booking Field Trips (Cumberland Island, Sea Turtle, etc.)

3. **Two months** prior to trip:

Send in: _____ Additional 20% non-refundable deposit (separate from Reservation Fee and Cumberland Island Deposit, if applicable)

4. **Three weeks** in advance:

_____ Call in or email final participant numbers (**After this point, the invoice is finalized, and a 25% per person fee will be kept for every person that does not show. All extra cost items will also be charged, in the full amount, for the absent participants.**)

****We must know as soon as possible of any changes in group size for Cumberland Island field trip reservations. We will do our best to accommodate changes, but we cannot make guarantees. ****

_____ Upload all student and adult Health and Liability Forms to the Google Drive Link provided to you via e-mail from the Program Director

_____ Add any participant food allergies/dietary restrictions to the Google Document located in the Google Drive Link provided to you via e-mail from the Program Director

5. **Upon Arrival** at Driftwood:

_____ Bring final payment

Signed _____ Date _____



PROGRAM GOALS FORM

What are your main objectives for the trip?

What experience have your students had with the outdoors, environmental education, or field trips?

What have your students studied in school that may prepare them for this trip?

What can we expect from your students in terms of behavior and attitude toward learning?

Please list any students with special needs we should know about. (Broken limbs, wheelchairs, health or emotional concerns, non-readers, vegetarians, etc...) Students with food allergies must inform us of the severity and provide a list of foods that are unacceptable.

Name

Special Need

Do any students or chaperones have a birthday while you are here?

Do you have any other expectations for your trip that we should know about?



Curriculum Request Form 2020-2021

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Please complete this form by selecting classes and evening programs. Choose **10 day classes**, ranking them in order of preference with one being your first choice. When creating your schedule, we will do our best to fit your top choices into the schedule.

Day Trips – Counts as Four Day Classes (Require transportation by school)

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cumberland Island Day Program (\$32/per person)
(choose 1) | <input type="checkbox"/> Jekyll Island Day Program |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Okefenokee Swamp (choose 1)
(\$10/person) | <input type="checkbox"/> North-End Hike |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Boat (\$21/person)
(\$17/person) | <input type="checkbox"/> Sea Turtle Center |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Canoe (\$30/person) (Recommended 6 th grade and above)
(\$22/person) | <input type="checkbox"/> Transit Trawl |

*Any Field Trip must be selected within 2 months of booking with Driftwood. Driftwood has to pre-purchase tickets, and the timeline below is when accurate numbers are due. Full refunds are not guaranteed beyond this point.
Cumberland Island and Sea Turtle Center (Jekyll) - 7 months prior
Final numbers for all other Field Trips - 3 weeks prior*

Day Classes – Rank in Order from 1 to 10 (1-6 if you chose a field trip)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bird Brains | <input type="checkbox"/> Ocean Motion (Order 1-3 preference) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Buddy Squad | <input type="checkbox"/> Fish Dissection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cassina | <input type="checkbox"/> Squid Dissection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Comparative Fish Dissection (\$3/student) | <input type="checkbox"/> Shrimp Dissection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Feather Physics (Recommended 6 th grade and above) | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation Period |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gator Tales | <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Classes (Choose 2 of 3) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Ropes Challenge Course (\$50/participant)
(Counts as 2 choices – must be 12 y/o <u>and</u> >65lbs) | <input type="checkbox"/> *Seine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Merely Plankton | <input type="checkbox"/> *Living Beach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Muck, Snails and Rails (Choose 1) | <input type="checkbox"/> *Barrier Island Dynamics |
| <input type="checkbox"/> NO Mud Pit option | <input type="checkbox"/> Trackers (Recommended 6 th grade and below) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Transit Trawl (\$15/person) |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbid Waters |

Day classes are typically an hour and a half in length.

*Classes require transportation to the beach by the school. If you choose to take beach classes, pick 2 of the 3 choices. We will spend 3 hours at the beach.

School Name _____ Grade _____

Contact Person _____ Phone _____

We will email you a copy of your completed schedule approximately three weeks before your arrival for your final approval, provided we have both your Reservation Use Form and Curriculum Request Form. Contact Driftwood at 912.638.3849 or driftwoodee@hotmail.com / driftwoodee@gmail.com for any questions.



DAY CLASSES

If you want to go to the beach, you must choose 2 of 3 of the following.

1. Seining: Students will learn how to use a 30-foot seine net to sample the ocean's rich abundance of life. Several fish species, crabs, and shrimp are commonly caught, as well as squid, jellyfish, and the elusive sea cucumber. We discuss adaptations and behaviors of creatures we catch. This is weather dependent. **Be prepared to get wet and have fun!**

2. Barrier Island Dynamics: Study beach geology, barrier island dynamics, and tides right where it all happens: the beach! Students will gain a better appreciation for the plants and animals that call the coast their home.

3. The Living Beach: In this class students will explore the species diversity of the Georgia Coast. Students will learn about the plant and animal species that inhabit Eat Beach, and participate in games and activities.

**** You will need to provide your own transportation to the beach. Thank you!**

Bird Brains: Students will learn what makes a bird a bird. We will look at a bird's structure and determine how different species are adapted for different environments. Students will become expert ornithologists as we head out to the field with binoculars to locate different species of birds on St. Simons Island.

Buddy Squad: (for field groups of 10 or more students) Everyone needs a buddy. During Buddy Squad students will work together with classmates to accomplish a variety of team building activities. Throughout these challenges students should gain skills necessary to work in social settings and be able to relate these concepts in their own lives.

Cassina: Cassina is a cultural journey back in time to discover what it was like to be a Timucuan Native American. Make rope, use their tools and weapons, live in a Timucuan style camp, and enjoy tea as we compare the Timucuan culture to our own.

Comparative Dissection: Cost extra \$3 per student: Students will get a little fishy in this hand-on dissection. In this class each field group will work in small groups to dissect 2 different species of fish. They will compare and contrast their fish with the other groups, learn about the differences between them, and how they compare to humans and other animals. There is an additional nominal fee for this class.

Feather Physics: Students will examine the general principles behind the physics of flight. We will discuss the forms of aerial locomotion, and the animals that use them. Students will be immersed in experimentation, discussion, and observation to understand these flight principles.

Gator Tales: By holding snakes, touching alligators, and exploring our turtle enclosures, students will learn about these modern organisms with amazing adaptations. We will identify different species through the discovery process. Discussions and handling of these reptiles will lead students to identify and understand Georgia's indigenous species.

High Ropes Challenge Course: Costs Extra Per Person (Call for Price): Learning how to work as a team player requires focusing on communication and listening skills that strengthen trust and self-confidence. Adventure Ministries, LLC. challenge courses (High Ropes-30 feet- and Low Ropes - ground level-) provide exciting and fun opportunities for problem solving and leadership development. High Ropes elements may include, zip line, pamper pole, rock climbing wall, postman's walk, and others. High Ropes elements have a age and weight restriction of 12 years AND greater than 65 lbs to participate.

Merely Plankton: Students will become part of an in-depth study about both phytoplankton and zooplankton through hands on activities. Students will collect, observe, and identify living plankton in our microscope laboratory while learning the importance they play in an ocean ecosystem.

Muck, Snails & Rails: Marshes tend to be associated with one thing: MUD! These amazing places, however, are more than just mud. They are thriving ecosystems with thousands of species that inhabit them. Students will examine the marshlands here at Driftwood. We will explore the animal and plant species and discover why these locations are so important to pollution control. **Important Note: YOU WILL GET MUDDY! There are two choices, Dry Marsh and Muddy Marsh. Dry Marsh Class is mud on hands, face, and feet only. Muddy Marsh is completely muddy! THIS IS A VERY MUDDY CLASS AND CANNOT BE TAKEN IN CONJUNCTION WITH CUMBERLAND ISLAND. STUDENTS NEED TO BRING TWO PAIRS OF SHOES, preferably one pair they can throw away when they are done.**

Ocean Motion: Explore the world of marine vertebrates and invertebrates in our lab. Students will be able to handle such animals as crabs, sea anemones, shrimp and molluscs in our touch tank. An in-depth study of these animals and their adaptations will be supplemented by a group dissection.

Trackers: Have you ever wondered what type of animals live around your home? How can you find out? In "Trackers," students will investigate Driftwood's backyard to learn how to identify animals through close observation of the signs they leave in the forest. Through several activities, students will hone their observation skills and perhaps come face to face with some of our local species.

Transit Trawl - Costs \$15 extra Per Person (Minimum 30 people charged): Throw out the net mates! Let's see what we can haul in and study, as we head out on a pontoon boat onto the Frederica River. Lead by a boat captain and his crew, students will learn about trawling nets, trawl boats, and investigate the organisms that we catch. There is an additional fee per person for this class.

Turbid Waters: The intertidal zone is home to many species of plants and animals. Using both traditional and modern technology to study the biological, physical, and chemical aspects, the students will discover how human and natural factors influence the health of the intertidal zone.



FIELD TRIPS

**All field trips require transportation by the school to the place of interest.

Cumberland Island National Seashore Day Trip - \$32 extra Per Person: Visit this beautiful, undeveloped barrier island that is accessible only by a ferryboat. The 5-mile hike wanders through maritime forest, mansion ruins from the Carnegie family, and along the beach. Students will go seining and study the beach environment as described in the **Living Beach, Barrier Island Dynamics** and **Seining** classes. **We require 7 months notice by the teacher or no assurances can be given.**

Jekyll Island Day Trip - \$10-\$22 per person Come and explore Jekyll Island State park! Jekyll is just a short drive away accessible by causeway. We will spend the day hiking on the beach, strolling through the marsh and catching local animal life in our seine nets. Students will also learn about erosion up and down the coast. We will also explore Driftwood beach or what the locals call Bone Yard beach! The same material is covered on Jekyll as it is on Cumberland Island. Students will go seining and study the beach environment as described in the **Living Beach, Barrier Island Dynamics** and **Seining** classes. You may also choose to add in the Georgia Sea Turtle Center for a tour or take the Transit Trawl from Jekyll Island for an additional cost and depending on availability. **We require 7 months notice by the teacher for the Sea Turtle Center and Transit Trawl or no assurances can be given.**

Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge Day Trip- \$21 extra per person: Climb to the top of an observation tower and overlook hundreds of acres of this National Wildlife Refuge where alligators and endangered sand hill cranes are a common sight. Students will learn about the hardships of swamp life at the Chesser homestead and study many rare and endangered plants and animals that live along the edges of a $\frac{3}{4}$ mile long boardwalk. And, get up close and personal with some of the 13,000 alligators that make their home here on a boat ride through the Suwannee Canal.

Okefenokee Canoe Day Trip- \$30 extra per person: Paddle down the Suwannee Canal enjoying beautiful scenery and a relaxed atmosphere. Along the way, students will study the flora and fauna located in the tannic acid water ecosystem of Okefenokee Swamp. No prior experience is necessary.



CHAPERONE'S ROLE

Thank you for volunteering your time to be a chaperone! You are a very important asset to Driftwood Education Center. We could not run our program without your assistance, and we are glad you are joining us! Our program is designed to benefit all participants. Your time here should be pleasant and informative, and we hope you take advantage of this experience to learn with the children.

Our college-educated instructors will be teaching classes and assisting through meals and evening activities. However, we need your help! It is important for chaperones to supervise students the entire time they are at our center. Supervision is especially important between classes, during meals, and rest periods. Please read the following information to fully understand your role as a chaperone and your responsibilities in the Driftwood community.

A. Classes and activities: We ask that you attend all classes with your assigned field group, as we need at least one adult with each field group at all times. Please help with discipline. Our class time is limited and our instructors have a lot to share with the students. We encourage the chaperones to participate in the activities.

B. Dining Hall: We ask that at least one adult be present at every table during the meals. Serving and clean-up procedures will be outlined at the first meal; however, there will be Driftwood instructors at every meal to assist you. Proper manners should be emphasized. Upon leaving the dining hall, students should be accompanied by an adult.

C. Driftwood Education Center Policies

1. No food, gum, or candy during classes. No using cell phones during class times.
2. Please do not wash clothes or shells in the sinks. Sand and mud will clog the drains. There are spigots located on the side of some buildings for your use.
4. Driftwood Education Center is located on the property of a Methodist Conference Center; therefore no alcohol is permitted.
5. Smoking by adults is allowed outside and away from the group, with the condition that cigarette butts are disposed of properly.
6. Vending machines should only be used at the end of the day, after classes and an adult must always accompany children.
7. The head teacher will be in charge of all medications. This includes Tylenol, cough drops, and other over the counter medicines. Please do not give any medication to a child! In the event of an emergency, contact the head teacher and Driftwood director. They should be informed of all injuries or illnesses immediately.

D. Supervision & Discipline

The teachers and chaperones accompanying the school group, as well as the Driftwood staff, will provide supervision. Your child's teachers are required to be on site at all times, and adult chaperones assist with supervision. We also ask that teachers and chaperones attend all classes.

Driftwood reserves the right to send a student home for extreme discipline problems (fighting, vandalism, violence, etc.) or for illness. We hope to never exercise this right, but students displaying inappropriate behavior or having a dangerous virus will need to go home.



PARENT INFORMATION

Driftwood Education Center is located on St Simons Island, one of the Georgia Barrier Islands, surrounded by miles of salt marsh and acres of maritime forest. The program we offer is intended to be a valuable extension of classroom studies. We have incorporated math, science, language arts, and social studies (based on National Performance Standards) into our curriculum and developed these topics into activity-oriented classes. Your child will have an opportunity to learn about: marine biology, salt marsh ecology, reptiles, low country cultures, and other science related areas. We also provide a chance for social growth through learning to live and work closely with others in a community setting. If you have any questions before your son or daughter arrives please call Driftwood at 912-638-3849. The following medical form and liability must be fill out and returned to school before the trips date. There is also a packing list included.

Packing List

Here are some important items you should bring to Driftwood:

- 1 sweater or sweatshirt (seasonal)
- 1 set of rain gear
- 1 baseball hat
- 1 swimming suit (if seining)
- 1 towel (if going to the beach)
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle – a must! Any bottle that has a lid that can be closed will work
- Sunglasses
- Insect repellent
- Day pack or back pack

Note: Students will need lace up, closed toed shoes for most classes especially Ropes Course and Buddy Squad. Preferably old ones that can get very dirty. Crocs are not considered closed toed shoes. Flip-flops are not allowed. Remember old clothes are best since most of our activities are outside.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND: cell phones, candy, gum or food, knives, radios or electronic games, or anything else that would not be allowed in their school. Also, please avoid sending unnecessary items since your child is responsible for carrying all of their belongings. It is not necessary to purchase a bag, any backpack will do.

DRIFTWOOD EDUCATION CENTER
STUDENT MEDICAL FORM
(THIS PAGE ONLY REQUIRED FOR ON-SITE MEALS)

Full Name _____ Age _____

Date of Birth _____ Sex _____ WT _____ HT _____

Street _____

City _____ County _____ ST _____ Zip _____

School Name _____

Parent or Guardian _____

Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____

Family Physician _____ Phone _____

In Case of an emergency notify the following:

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____

Date of last Tetanus shot _____

Recent Illness _____

Chronic or recurring illness, describe in detail _____

Allergies (Anyone with food allergies must inform us of the severity and provide a list of basic foods that are acceptable) _____

Psychiatric or behavioral problems, describe in detail _____

Special dietary requirements _____

List current activity restrictions or special health concerns _____

Current medications include dosage and reason _____

This is to certify that _____ is in good physical condition and that the information provided above is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signed _____ Date _____ Relation _____

STUDENT MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

Child's Name: _____ School Name: _____

Statement of consent and authority:

In the event of an emergency or non-emergency situation requiring medical and/or dental treatment, I _____, hereby grant to Driftwood Education Environment, Inc. d/b/a Driftwood Education Center, and its staff, authority to secure and authorize medical and dental treatment for my child.

I further hereby grant to any such medical or dental professional (including paramedic, nursing staff, physician's assistant, medical doctor or dentist), permission and authority for any and all medical and/or dental attention and treatment to be administered to my child. This permission includes, but is not limited to, the administration of first aid, the use of an ambulance, the administration of anesthesia, surgery, or any other treatment such as determined necessary by attending medical professionals (including paramedic, nursing staff, physician's assistant, medical doctor or dentist). This authorization includes treatment in the case of accidents, illness or injury, of whatever kind or nature.

[Note: Reasonable effort shall be made to notify the parent of child.]

Insurance Information:

Name of Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Member Number: _____

Name and Address of
Employer Providing Coverage: _____

Telephone Number for
Insurance Company: _____

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian

Date

**PERMISSION FORM AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY
SIGNED BY PARENT OR GUARDIAN**

I give permission for my child, _____, to travel to and participate in the Driftwood Education Environment, Inc. d/b/a Driftwood Education Center (herein "Driftwood Education Center") activities (herein "Trip"). In consideration of Driftwood Education Center allowing my child to participate in the Trip, including the various activities scheduled for the Trip, I agree as follows:

I hereby represent that my child has the experience and is physically and mentally capable to engage in the indoor and outdoor physical work and recreational activities of the Trip, and further represent that my child has no limitations to engage in such work or recreational activities, except as set forth as follows:

____ No Limitations.
Initial

____ My child has the following limitations:
Initial

I fully understand that (a) indoor and outdoor recreational activities, including those on or near the waterways, and those on or near recreational watercraft, have inherent risks, dangers, and hazards and such exists in my child's participation with Driftwood Education Center in the referenced Trip; (b) my child's participation in such indoor and outdoor activities and use of equipment in connection with such activities may result in serious injury or illness including, but not limited to bodily injury, disease, strains, sprains, fractures, partial and/or total paralysis, death or other ailments that could cause serious injury or temporary or permanent disability; (c) those risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the employees, officers, visitors or guests of Driftwood Education Center, or the school with which I am traveling, owners, employees, officers or agents of any of these entities, or any other person, entity or group participating in or providing the activities contemplated by the referenced Trip (herein "Released Parties"); (d) further, those risks and dangers may be caused by the negligence of the participants, the negligence of others, accidents, breaches of contract, the forces of nature or other causes; (e) risks and dangers may arise from foreseeable or unforeseeable causes including, but not limited to, the chaperones or leaders of the group with which I am traveling, guide or supervisor decision making, including that such person may misjudge terrain, weather and such other risks, hazards, and dangers that are integral to recreational and work activities that take place in a wilderness, indoor, outdoor, or recreational environment; and (f) I, for myself and in behalf of my child, hereby assume all risks and dangers and all responsibility for my child's injury, losses and/or damages, whether caused in whole or in part by the negligence or other conduct of my child, the Released Parties or others. Further, I assume the risk and responsibility for any losses, claims, expenses or damages caused by the negligence or intentional acts of my child.

I specifically understand that I am releasing, discharging and waiving any claims or actions that I, individually or as parent(s) and guardian(s) of my child, or my child, may have presently or in the future for the negligent acts or other conduct by Released Parties. I, for myself as parent and guardian of my child, and for and in behalf of my heirs and assigns, including heirs and assigns of my child, covenant to indemnify Released Parties which arise wholly or partially due to the conduct (including negligence or intentional conduct) of my child.

By signing below, I acknowledge the adequacy of consideration and that I have read and agree with the foregoing. I understand that, but for our agreement to the terms of this Medical Emergency Treatment Authorization and Release of Liability, my child would not be permitted to participate in this Trip.

By signing below I represent and acknowledge that I have read the entirety of this document, and understand that I am executing a release of liability in favor of persons referenced above, and that I am further authorizing medical care for my child in the event sickness, disease or injury.

School Name

Signature of Parent(s) or Guardian

Date

**DRIFTWOOD EDUCATION CENTER
TEACHER/CHAPERONE MEDICAL FORM
(THIS PAGE ONLY REQUIRED FOR ON-SITE MEALS)**

Full Name _____ Age _____
Date of Birth _____ Sex _____ WT _____ HT _____
Street _____
City _____ County _____ ST _____ Zip _____
School Name _____
Home Phone _____ Alternate Phone _____
Physician _____ Phone _____
In Case of an emergency notify the following:
Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____
Name _____ Relationship _____ Phone _____
Date of last Tetanus shot _____
Recent Illness _____

Allergies (Anyone with food allergies must inform us of the severity and provide a list of basic foods that are acceptable) _____

Special dietary requirements _____

List current activity restrictions or special health concerns _____

This is to certify that _____ is in good physical condition and that the information provided above is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signed _____ Date _____

TEACHER/CHAPERONE MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

Full Name: _____ School Name: _____

Statement of consent and authority:

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I further hereby grant to any such medical or dental professional (including paramedic, nursing staff, physician’s assistant, medical doctor or dentist), permission and authority for any and all medical and/or dental attention and treatment to be administered to me. This permission includes, but is not limited to, the administration of first aid, the use of an ambulance, the administration of anesthesia, surgery, or any other treatment such as determined necessary by attending medical professionals (including paramedic, nursing staff, physician’s assistant, medical doctor or dentist). This authorization includes treatment in the case of accidents, illness or injury, of whatever kind or nature.

Insurance Information:

Name of Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Member Number: _____

Name and Address of Employer Providing Coverage: _____

Telephone Number for Insurance Company: _____

Signature

Date

TEACHER/CHAPERONE PERMISSION FORM AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY

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Initial

_____ I have the following limitations:
Initial

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I specifically understand that I am releasing, discharging and waiving any claims or actions that I, may have presently or in the future for the negligent acts or other conduct by Released Parties.

I, for myself as parent and guardian of my child, and for and in behalf of my heirs and assigns, including heirs and assigns of my child, covenant to indemnify Released Parties which arise wholly or partially due to the conduct (including negligence or intentional conduct) of my child.

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School Name

Signature



DIRECTIONS TO DRIFTWOOD

Address: 100 Arthur J Moore Drive, St Simons Island, GA

From the North: Take I-95 South to exit 42. At the end of the ramp make a LEFT. Go approximately one mile and turn RIGHT onto Rt. 17 S. Travel 11 miles to Brunswick. At the large Hercules Plant turn left onto F.J. Torras Causeway.

From the South: Take I-95 North to exit 29. At the end of the ramp turn RIGHT onto Rt. 17 N. After crossing the suspension bridge, bear RIGHT and look for the St. Simons Island sign. Turn Right onto the F.J. Torras Causeway, just before the traffic light.

On the Island: At the end of the causeway stay in the LEFT lane and continue around the circle in the left lane. Stay straight at the light and continue to the second LEFT, Epworth By-the-Sea **Booth Gate**.

On Epworth Property: After entering through the Booth Gate Entrance you will come to a 4-way stop. Turn RIGHT at the stop sign and then bear left into the unloading zone for the cabins.

