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Fire Island National Seashore Long Island, New York

Attention Educators



Attend Fire Island National Seashore's Teacher Workshop

Learn how to enhance your students field trip experience with:

Activities designed to provide background knowledge in basic natural, cultural and historical resources of Fire Island
A site visit with hands on lessons in the field
Programs that meet NYS learning standards
Interdisciplinary *Parks as Classrooms* programs

Enclosed is a letter from Fire Island National Seashore's Superintendent welcoming you to attend. For more information contact the Division of Interpretation @ 631-687-4765.

- Please register by April 30, 2008.

- Return completed form to: *Fire Island National Seashore*, *Teachers Workshop*, 120 Laurel Street Patchogue, NY 11772

Fire Island National Seashore's Teacher Workshop May 3, 2008

Name:

School:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Grade Level you teach:



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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE Fire Island National Seashore 120 Laurel Street Patchogue, NY 11772

March 24, 2008

Dear Educators,

Fire Island National Seashore is pleased to invite your teachers to participate in our Teacher Workshop on Saturday, May 3, 2008. This informative workshop will assist with: program planning, knowledge of facility capabilities and logistics to the park's five visitor sites, and much more. Participants will also learn about what Fire Island has to offer. The national seashore includes beautiful and ecologically important features such as 26 miles of barrier island coast, miles of ocean and bay coastline, natural beaches, maritime forest, and wetlands. The park also includes New York State's only federally designated wilderness area and two significant historical areas. The William Floyd Estate in Mastic Beach, NY is the ancestral home of the family of William Floyd, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and the Fire Island Light Station which stands as an active aid to navigation guiding ships traveling to New York City and along the east coast.

The schedule for the day's activities:

Continental Breakfast at Sayville Ferry (see enclosed directions)
Presentations by the Sayville Ferry Company, Watch Hill Ferry Company, the
Fire Island Lighthouse Preservation Society, the park's Traveling Trunk program, and more
Ferry to Sailors Haven/Sunken Forest
Orientation
Traveling Trunk Program
Lunch (*Please bring a bag lunch)
one of three workshops
second of three workshops
third of three workshops
Questions and Answers / Free time
Ferry back to Sayville

The three workshops will be:

Sunken Forest Tour, Orienteering, and the United States Lifesaving Service program. All participants will be involved with all three workshop stations.

We hope you will join us for this full packed, informational day. If you have any questions/concerns, please contact the Division of Interpretation @ 631-687-4765 or email Irene_Rosen@nps.gov, Title: *Teachers Workshop Request*.

Sincerely,

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Sean McGuinness Acting Superintendent