2020 SUMMER PROGRAMS

LEARNING ADVENTURES ON THE CHESAPEAKE BAY
Now in our 19th season, the Sultana Education Foundation's Summer Programs provide children and young adults with extraordinary opportunities to experience North America's largest estuary in ways that most people can only imagine. Led by the Foundation's experienced professional staff, and featuring participant/instructor ratios as low as 2:1, all Sultana Summer Programs provide supportive environments that foster an appreciation of the Chesapeake Bay while encouraging participants to make friends, learn new skills, and develop confidence in their own abilities.

We look forward to seeing you out on the Bay!

Sincerely,

Chris Cerino
Vice President, Sultana Education Foundation

REGISTER ONLINE AT SULTANAEDUCATION.ORG
OR CALL 410-778-3934
YOUTH ADVENTURES

Ages: 5-12

Sultana’s Youth Adventures are designed for children looking for their first in-depth experiences on the Chesapeake Bay. Programs are offered in both day-camp formats as well as short-term overnight trips that are perfect for students spending their first nights away from home. These foundational programs are ideal for introducing children to the outdoors and beginning the life-long process of appreciating and protecting the natural environment.

Bay Discovery Camp New Formats!
Ages 5-7 / $275 Tuition / 9am-3pm Daily / Mon-Fri
Aquatic Theme: Jun 22-26 / Jun 29-July 3
Terrestrial Theme: Jul 13-17 / Jul 20-24
All programs are based from Sultana’s Holt Center in Chestertown.

Bay Discovery Camp is filled with exciting, hands-on experiences that introduce younger children to the many plants and animals that live in the Chesapeake region. Using the Foundation’s Holt Education Center in Chestertown as a base camp, children participate in a variety of indoor and outdoor activities that are uniquely tied to the week’s theme. Participants spend time in woodlands, meadows, shore-side marshes, and even paddle one morning on the Chester River to examine the natural world through a scientific lens.

Bay Discovery Camp 2.0 New Program
Ages 6-8 / $275 Tuition / 9am-4pm Daily / Mon-Thurs
Aug 3-6 / Aug 10-13
All programs are based from Sultana’s Holt Center in Chestertown.

Bay Discovery Camp 2.0 is designed for children that are ready to take the next step in exploring the history and ecology of the Chesapeake Bay. In addition to investigating multiple ecosystems such as meadows, wetlands, and forests, Bay Discovery Camp 2.0 features two morning canoe trips on the mighty Chester River. During these paddles, participants learn basic boating skills while navigating up Radcliffe Creek and exploring the Chestertown waterfront.
Canoe Camp
Ages 5-12 / $275 Tuition / 9am-4pm Daily / 4 Days
Programs begin/end daily at Sultana’s Holt Center in Chestertown. See website for details.

Canoe Camp is our introductory program for young paddlers looking to make their first voyages out onto the Chesapeake. Each day begins at the Sultana Education Foundation’s Holt Education Center in Chestertown where participants meet to play games and examine maps of the Bay before setting out to spend the day at one of several local waterways. Once on the water, students learn basic paddling skills, explore creeks and marshes, fish with hook and line, pull seine nets to sample marine life, and swim.

Kayak Camp
Ages 9-12 / $325 Tuition / 9am-4pm Daily / 5 days
Jul 6-10 / Jul 20-24 / Aug 10-14
Programs begin/end daily at Sultana’s Holt Center in Chestertown. See website for details.

Kayak Camp is the perfect program for children looking to explore the Chesapeake while learning basic kayaking skills. Similar to our Canoe Camps (but designed for slightly older children), Kayak Camp begins each day at Sultana’s Holt Education Center where participants meet before setting out to explore a local waterway. On the water, students learn how to handle their own kayak while exploring protected creeks and marshes. There is also time to sample aquatic life with seine nets, beachcomb, fish, and swim.

Three Day Kayak Trip New Program
Ages 9-12 / $375 Tuition*/ 3-day, 2-night program
Jun 23-25 / Jul 21-23
Trip begins 11:00am on first day and ends at 3:00pm on final day. All Trips begin and end at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills. See website for details
*Eligible for 20% Partner School Discount (see page 15)

Designed for the child that is looking to transition from day-camps to overnight experiences, this three-day and two-night trip is a wonderful opportunity for children to experience kayaking, fishing, and camping. Participants spend their days paddling tributaries of the Chesapeake and their evenings camping, playing games, and spending time around the campfire in a lovely wooded setting. SEF’s experienced staff provide individualized instruction on safety procedures, paddling skills, and boat handling while giving plenty of support for first time campers. No previous experience is required.

Three-Day SULTANA Trip
Ages 9-11 / $375 Tuition*/ 3-day, 2-night program
Jun 23-25, Jun 30 - Jul 2
Trip begins 11:00am on first day and ends at 3:00pm on final day. All Trips begin and end in Chestertown. See website for details.
* Eligible for 20% Partner School Discount (see page 15)

Three-day trips on the schooner SULTANA are a great opportunity for children to see the Chesapeake while sailing and living on a traditional schooner. SULTANA’s three-day trips are intended for ages 9 - 11. By day, participants learn the basics of tall ship sailing while navigating the protected waters of the Chester River. At night, children camp ashore in tents at a private farm on Langford Creek. Evenings are spent hiking, swimming, fishing, canoeing, playing games, and just having fun.
YOUTH EXPEDITIONS

Ages: 11-14

The next step in our Summer Program progression, Sultana’s Youth Expeditions offer opportunities for middle school-aged students to take extended, residential trips that explore significant portions of the Chesapeake estuary. During Five-Day SULTANA Trips, students live on-board the vessel alongside her crew, while students on our Five-Day Kayak Trips camp ashore at one of several pristine wilderness locations. Trips are suitable for first time sailors/kayakers as well as for students taking their first overnight trip away from home.

Five-Day SULTANA Trip

Ages 11-14* / $750 Tuition** / 5-Day, 4-Night Program

Jul 6-10 / Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (St. Michaels) to Cambridge
Jul 13-17 / Cambridge to Crisfield
July 20-24 / Crisfield to Cambridge
July 27-31 / Cambridge to Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (St. Michaels)

Trips begin at 11:00am Monday and end at 3:00pm Friday. See website for location details.
* Participants must be at least entering sixth grade.
** Eligible for 20% Partner School Discount (see page 15)

The moment students set foot on the schooner SULTANA they know they are beginning an adventure they will never forget. Onboard SULTANA participants are immersed in a forgotten way of life where sailors live in close harmony with the environment and daily routines are largely determined by the wind and weather. A total of 15 people will be onboard SULTANA during each five-day trip, including nine students and up to six professional instructors. During these trips students work alongside the schooner’s professional crew and learn how to handle, navigate, and sail SULTANA. Students are not only sailors, they are scientists - working to understand the multiple ecosystems that compose the Chesapeake Bay. There are also plenty of opportunities for participants to go ashore, swim, play games, fish, and relax.

Healthy meals are prepared by the vessel’s cook and eaten family-style in a communal setting. At night, participants sleep under the stars on deck or down below in the vessel’s main hold. In the middle of each trip, SULTANA visits one of several ports-of-call where participants have an opportunity to explore and take advantage of modern conveniences (showers & pizza). Students considering a Five-Day SULTANA Trip should be prepared for life in a shipboard environment where the accommodations are basic, space is limited, and teamwork is essential. No previous sailing experience is required.
Five-Day Kayak Trip

Ages 11-14 / $525 Tuition*/ 5-Day, 4-Night Program

Dates: Jun 29 - Jul 3 / Jul 13-17 / Jul 27-31

Trips begin at 11:00am Monday morning at Turner’s Creek Landing near Chestertown and end at 3:00pm Friday at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills.

*Eligible for Partner School Discount (see page 15)

Five-Day Kayak Trips provide participants with the unique opportunity to explore several different areas of the Chesapeake Bay - all in one week. The program begins at a 1,000-acre waterfront farm on the Sassafras River where participants learn basic kayaking skills while exploring a variety of tidal fresh water creeks and marshes. Participants paddle and explore during the day and then spend nights tent-camping at an idyllic waterfront setting. Mid-week the trip heads south to a private wildlife preserve on the Nanticoke River, where students can paddle through salt marshes and cypress swamps on Maryland’s lower Eastern Shore, or explore the famous Black Water National Wildlife Refuge. This trip is led by three experienced staff that provide individualized instruction on safety procedures, paddling skills, and boat handling. When not paddling, there is plenty of time to venture ashore to swim, pull seine nets, fish, marsh muck, and relax. No previous paddling experience is required.
SULTANA High School Eight-Day Trip

Ages 14-18 / $900 Tuition* / 8-Day, 7-Night Program

Aug 4-11 / Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (St. Michaels) to Chestertown

Trip begins at 11:00am on Aug 4 at the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, Maryland, and ends at 3:00pm Aug 11 in Chestertown.
*Eligible for 20% Partner School Discount (see page 15)

This eight-day, seven-night expedition for high school students is designed to give participants professional-level training in shipboard operations while exploring high-school and introductory collegiate concepts in environmental science. Departing from the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum in St. Michaels, the schooner SULTANA visits several iconic Chesapeake destinations, with potential stops including Annapolis and Baltimore. The trip will also see SULTANA visit several quiet and pristine tributaries on Maryland’s Eastern Shore before concluding the trip in the schooner’s home port of Chestertown.

As with all live-aboard trips on the schooner SULTANA, participants will live and work in close quarters with their fellow students and SULTANA’s professional crew. Healthy meals are prepared by the vessel’s cook and eaten family-style in a communal setting. At night students sleep under the stars on deck or in the vessel’s main hold. Participants can look forward to extensive time sailing and handling the schooner, learning the basics of navigation, standing watch, collecting scientific data, exploring ashore, and having fun with their shipmates. Our goal by the end of the trip is to have all participants familiar with the core skills they would need to serve as an entry-level crew member on a vessel like SULTANA.

The culmination of Sultana’s Summer Program progression are our Apprentice Expeditions. Tailored specifically for high school students, these trips feature our longest and most ambitious itineraries. Apprentice Expeditions are designed to address higher-level science concepts, and often include visits with professionals in various fields of marine/estuarine science. These trips strive to introduce participants to some of the technical and professional skills they would need as future trip leaders.
Seven-Day VIMS Kayak Trip

**Ages 14-18/ $800 Tuition*/ 7-Day, 6-Night Program**

**Dates: Aug 3-9**

Trip begins at 11:00am Aug 3 at Chesapeake College in Wye Mills and ends at 3:00pm Aug 9 at Chesapeake College.

*Eligible for 20% Partner School Discount (see page 15)

The Sultana Education Foundation is again proud to partner with the College of William and Mary’s Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) to offer a Seven-Day Kayak Trip for high school students featuring an emphasis on coastal estuarine studies. A central goal of this program is to expose high school students to academic tracks and professional careers related to environmental science.

The first four days of the program take place at a Nature Conservancy wilderness camp on the Nanticoke River. From this location the group can paddle the Nanticoke River, Pocomoke River, and Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge by day, while tent camping at night. Participants will also visit the University of Maryland’s Horn Point Oyster Sanctuary, where they will meet with staff scientists and graduate students to learn more about the operations of one of the United States’ largest oyster hatcheries.

On the fourth day of the trip, the group will move south to the VIMS campus in Wachapreague, Virginia adjacent to The Nature Conservancy’s Virginia Coast Preserve, the East Coast’s longest coastal wilderness. For the remainder of the trip the group will live in the VIMS dormitory and work with both Sultana and VIMS staff to explore pristine barrier islands (both by research boat and kayak), conduct laboratory experiments, and learn about ongoing research at VIMS’ Wachapreague campus.

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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Register for Programs at:

[WWW.SULTANAEDUCATION.ORG](http://WWW.SULTANAEDUCATION.ORG)

**About the Sultana Education Foundation**

Founded in 1997, the Sultana Education Foundation is a private nonprofit dedicated to providing unique, hands-on educational opportunities that promote stewardship of the Chesapeake Bay’s historic, cultural, and environmental legacies. The Foundation is a two-time recipient of the National Maritime Historical Foundation’s Walter Cronkite Award for Excellence in Maritime Education.

**Safety - Our Number One Priority**

The Sultana Education Foundation’s Summer Programs are overseen by an experienced professional staff. The schooner SULTANA is a USCG certified passenger carrying vessel, operated by a licensed Captain and USCG approved crew. The Foundation’s paddling programs are overseen by an American Canoe Association certified instructor. All staff are Red Cross certified in CPR and First Aid and all programs have at least one certified Life Guard and Wilderness First Responder/USCG approved Medical Officer. All of the Foundation’s Summer Programs are certified by the Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

**Internship Program**

A limited number of 15 -17 year-old students are accepted as Interns for Sultana Education Foundation Summer Programs. Please see our website for details.

**Financial Aid & Partner School Program**

The Sultana Education Foundation works to ensure that its Summer Programs are affordable for families that live in our home waters along Maryland’s Eastern Shore. Students who attend one of 30+ schools that the Foundation works with during the school year are eligible for a 20% tuition discount on residential Summer Programs through our Partner School Program. While the Partner School Program does not require a financial aid application, it is intended for families that might not otherwise be able to afford these programs. Please visit our website for a list of Partner School Program eligible schools. Additional financial aid beyond our Partner School Program is available for both our day and residential Summer Programs. Please visit our website or contact the Sultana Education Foundation office at 410-778-5954 to learn more about our financial aid options.

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