



Fort Wilderness Marine Biology 2018 Application Form

*This Application is for the 2018 Marine Biology Trip **March 27th – April 8th, 2018.***

Student's Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: (_____) - _____ - _____ E-mail: _____

Parent or Guardian Names: _____

Parent or Guardian Employment: _____

Church Affiliation (if any): _____



Academic Records

High School Name: _____

School Address: _____

Present Class: Fr So Jr Sr What is your present class ranking: _____ / _____ GPA: _____

What are your vocational plans? _____

Where do you intend to attend college? _____

Have you ever been to the Florida Keys before? Yes No



Medical Information

Who is your family doctor? _____ Phone: (_____) - _____ - _____

Do you have allergies or other medical concerns? Yes No

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Medical Information continued

If yes, please list and describe them below. Include any medications you are using.

Please give one other person besides a parent or guardian who might be contacted in case of emergency:

_____ Phone:(_____) - _____ - _____

Since most of our work involves being in the semi-tropical sunlight, please circle the appropriate number below to indicate your level of sensitivity. (1= low - 10 high)

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



General Information

Since we are in the ocean everyday for many hours, how would you rate your swimming ability?
(Note: We sometimes have some people who can't swim.)

Excellent Very Good Good Poor Can't Swim

Are you a certified scuba diver? Yes No

If yes, which organization and year did you receive your certification? _____

NOTE: To scuba dive in this program, you must already be a certified diver, otherwise you will snorkel all excursions. We do not instruct scuba.

Below, circle the items that you own:

Mask Regulator BC Wet Suit Tank Snorkel Fins Weight Belt

I urge you, if accepted, to purchase you own mask, fins and snorkel or you can borrow these from my community supply. If you need fins, please state the size of your foot:

Males: under 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

Females: under 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

We supply all accepted students with a program T-shirt. Please state your size (unisex sizes):

S M L XL XXL XXXL

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General Information continued

Are you involved in any sports or academic programs at your school? Yes No

If yes, please state them below:

Will you miss any school or extra-curricular activities while enrolled in this marine biology course? Yes No

If yes, please state what you will miss: _____

The dates for the trip this year are March 27th – April 8th, 2018.

We will be leaving Fort Wilderness at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, March 27th. Please be at the McNaughton exit off Route 47 (our staging site) by 6:15 pm. We should arrive back at the staging area around 8:00 pm on Sunday, April 8th. Upon our return students will be given their final grade, (a final exam will be given on site in Florida). **Parents of students living far from Fort Wilderness can meet our bus enroute at a site established upon by mutual agreement.**

With this application, please send:

- a **personal letter** explaining your intent and purpose for attending
- a **\$250** dollar nonrefundable deposit payable to Fort Wilderness (Your deposit will be refunded if you are not accepted)
- a **recent photograph**
- a **recent transcript** if possible, or a list of classes and grades taken in H.S.

Mail the material mentioned above to: Michael Lane
Marine Biology
Fort Wilderness
PO Box 715
McNaughton, WI 54543

The deposit will **ONLY** be refunded if the applicant is **NOT** accepted. The total cost for the program this year is \$1,750. This price includes all fees, boat rides, snorkeling at Coffin Patch Reef, classes & swimming with stingrays at the Theater of the Sea, books, meals on site, housing, transportation, and instructional materials. It does not cover restaurant stops to and from the work site, scuba diving expenses (if applicable), or an optional excursion to a seafood restaurant. The final payment of all fees is due by March 2nd. If you are accepted and then do not attend, a refund will be made, minus the deposit and an additional \$250 administration fee. If you are accepted and fail to attend from the final payment date to departure date, only a \$250 refund can be made as all money has been invested in your trip and the establishments will not refund us.

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General Information continued

Scholarships are available!

Due to limited space at the research site, **early application is strongly advised**. No decision on acceptance can be made until **all credentials** are completed.

If you have any questions about the program, please feel free to call Michael Lane at (800)338-3678 or (715)490-6677 or you can email him at michaellane@fortwilderness.com. He will try to answer any and all of your questions.

Registration Deadline is February 20th, 2018.

Most schools have counted the Marine Biology course as one semester credit in biological sciences. If you are interested in this credit, you should check into this with the counseling department at your school. Those high schools that do not count this course as credit usually have no reservation at placing the information on your high school transcript as a proof to your college choice that you have indeed participated in this program. In many cases, colleges seem to count this as more important for scholarships than credit. It shows extra-participation outside of the school. Students already attending a college or university are also encouraged to come.

Fort Wilderness is known as the "Stronghold of Christian Adventure." For the last 6 decades, the Fort has been a place where people have been able to come and relax and develop a closer relationship with God and nature. A year-round Christian camp, the Fort is dedicated to providing people with the very best adventures while presenting the Gospel to all. Fort's goal through this Marine Biology program is to provide young people with the academics and at the same time allowing those who choose to develop a closer walk with God. If you are interested in learning about the field of Marine Biology by studying it on site and you are interested in learning more about Jesus Christ, or if you simply want a real challenge in your life, please join us in the Florida Keys

This Marine Biology course demands a lot of cooperation from each of the participants. **This is a fun course but it requires a lot of work. This is not a vacation.** The majority of the work is performed out in the ocean, which makes it more fun than a classroom. Because of the situation of being on site in a hotel-dorm setting and not in a classical classroom setting, certain rules and regulations are set by me and the other instructors and you are expected to follow them completely. For instance, students in this course are not to be in possession of any tobacco products of any kind nor are they to be in possession of any alcoholic beverages of any kind!

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General Information continued

For over 30 years years I have been taking students to the Florida Keys to study Marine Biology and never has a student had to be disciplined for such examples as stated above. In fact, every year I have received letters or other comments from places we visit, commending us on the mature behavior of our students! I am very proud of this and I expect this to continue. Thus, I ask you for your fullest cooperation. Also, Fort reserves the right to use any photographs taken during the course for instructional or promotional purposes.

One of the matierals handed out to all participants is a Handbook, detailing all events, schedules, meals, etc. It also includes a listing of students and their contact information. If you do **NOT** wish to have your student's contact information listed in the handbook, please check the appropriate box below, otherwise it will be included.

Do not place my address or phone number in the Handbook.

Please sign below if you accept these terms.

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____