

GUANA TOLOMATO MATANZAS NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE
ESTUARY SCIENCE PROGRAM
APPLICATION

STUDENT'S NAME: (please print)

HOME PHONE:

PARENT'S NAME: (please print)

WORK PHONE/CELL PHONE:

MAILING ADDRESS: (please print)

(street name and number)

(city)

(zip)

CURRENT SCHOOL: _____

What grade will the student be **entering in August?**: _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE:

DATE:

(Application decision letters and additional forms will be mailed to parents in late-May.)

Since a limited number of students may participate in this program, the selection process is competitive. To identify those students who are likely to benefit from the experience, we are asking applicants to carefully think about and respond to the following question. A minimum of a 3-4-sentence paragraph is suggested. It is important that the students answer the question themselves without assistance from anyone else.

GUANA TOLOMATO MATANZAS NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE
ESTUARY SCIENCES CAMP
PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

PROGRAM SCHEDULE: Monday, July 28 to Friday, August 1
8:30 am – 2:30 pm

LOCATION/DIRECTIONS:

Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve

From the North: Take A1A 17 miles south of Butler Blvd. and turn right just before the Gate Station

From the South: Take A1A 8 miles north from the Vilano Bridge and turn left just after the Gate Station

ELIGIBILITY: Students **entering Grade 5 in August of 2008.**

FOCUS:

The Estuary Science Camp is designed for students who wish to expand their knowledge and experiences in various natural sciences through a mix of classroom presentations, experiments, games and field trips on the GTM Research Reserve, including using seine nets to observe marine animals, a walk through several habitats to identify native plants and birds, and water testing from a boat. Campers will learn about the relationships among plants and animals in the estuary and will learn to use various pieces of equipment that scientists use in the estuary and the basics of scientific experiments. There will be no tests or grades, just learning and fun.

PROGRAM COST: \$140

IMPORTANT DATES:

Applications Due (without payment): **May 15**

Application Decision Letters Mailed To Parents: **Late May**

Release Form, Check and Contact Information Mailed to GTM NERR: **June 8**

MAIL RELEASE FORMS, CHECK AND CONTACT INFORMATION TO:

GTM NERR
505 Guana River Road
Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082
ATTN: ESTUARY SCIENCES CAMP

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: Friends of the GTM NERR
(Send check with Release Forms NOT with Application)

CONTACT PERSON: If you have any questions regarding the program, please call **Diana Eissing at (904) 823-4500.**

FOOD: Students need to bring their own lunch and snacks from home. Water will be provided.

MATERIALS NEEDED:

Bring first day and leave in lockers:

- 4 pairs of socks
- Dry change of clothes
- Old but sturdy tennis shoes to get wet
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Insect spray
- Sun glasses

Wear every day:

- Closed-toed shoes such as tennis shoes or hiking boots

PLEASE RETAIN THIS FORM FOR YOUR INFORMATION