

2025 SEDGE ISLAND FIELD EXPERIENCE

JULY 21-23, 2025

New Jersey Fish & Wildlife is offering a 3-day, 2-night program open to motivated **students going into grades 7 through 9 in September 2025** who are interested in exploring New Jersey's salt marsh environment.

While staying at Sedge Island, students will learn about conservation while exploring the natural and cultural history of Barnegat Bay through the use of kayaks, microscopes, nets, and other scientific tools. Students will have the opportunity to gather information about the flora and fauna of Barnegat Bay; learn about the history of the area through fishing, crabbing, and clamming; and develop leadership skills to improve confidence in making environmentally friendly decisions.

Accommodations: Students will share a bunk room while staying in the rustic Sedge House. The house is completely off-grid; solar panels provide electricity; composting toilets handle human waste; and a shallow well provides running water for washing dishes and hands. Students will not be showering during their stay. There is an outside rinse-off shower. View the Sedge Island facility by watching the [Sedge House Tour](#).



Cost: \$350.00*

*Financial assistance is available.

Complete the [Online Application](#)

For more information or questions contact
Karen at 609-947-1201 or karen.byrne@dep.nj.gov.

For Students
Entering Grades
7 – 9 in the
fall of 2025



To Apply

Complete the [Online Application](#).

*You will need to submit a **Letter of recommendation** from a teacher or community leader that can attest to your character and work ethic.*

Letters can be emailed to Karen at karen.byrne@dep.nj.gov.

Space is limited!

Applicants will go through a competitive application process.

Deadline to apply is April 12.

Students who are selected will
be notified by **April 25.**

