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***Duxbury Bay Maritime School***

*Ecology Parent Guide*

*The mission of the Duxbury Bay Maritime School*

*is to connect people of all ages, abilities, and means*

*to Duxbury Bay through educational and recreational*

*programs that stimulate individual growth and*

*an enduring love and appreciation of the sea.*

**Welcome to DBMS Ecology**

Thank you for registering for DBMS ecology programs. Ecology helps children appreciate the natural world around them - **and it’s FUN!**

***Big Fish Little Fish***

***Wave Program***

**Where to Meet**

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For programs that meet at DBMS, meet under the tent under the flag pole (on the waterside of the main building)

  **Love a Lobster**

  **Birds of the Bay**

  **Oysters R Us**

  **Surprising Sea Creatures**

* **Go Fish**

For programs that meet at Duxbury Beach, please

Arrive via Powder Point Bridge and ask Harbormaster where to park for DBMS ecology program. Once parked please walk to meeting spot on bay side by bridge:

 **Shall we Shellfish**

*please look for DBMS truck in beach parking lot. We ask all that have four-wheel drive vehicles to caravan out following the DBMS truck and to please welcome non-four-wheel-drive participants to join you in your car if you have space.*

For **Salt Marsh Secrets**, meet at 28 Crescent Street down the long dirt driveway.

**First Wave, Second Wave and Third Wave programs** meet under the **Ecology tent** in the back left corner of the DBMS parking lot. When you drive into DBMS follow the outside look around past the green fork truck until you see a white tent and bright green picnic tables!

**What to Expect**

 The Wave programs utilize a fifteen passenger van, which allows the class to be completely mobile.

 They use the vast natural resources of the area as an outdoor classroom.

 Students may also spend time on and travel by boat, DBMS provides life jackets.

 Each day is different, providing new challenges and excitement.

**What to Wear / What to Bring**

Due to space limitations on the launch we are unable to accommodate **ANY** extra parents/guardians and younger siblings for any **BY SEA CLASSES** (Love a Lobster, Birds of the Bay, Oysters R US).

**Siblings**

 Closed-toed water shoes or old shoes (that can get wet or muddy)

 Sunscreen, water bottle, hat or visor

 Lightweight jacket or sweatshirt

 Towel

 Parents don’t forget your sunscreen, sunglasses, hat and camera!

**What to Wear / What to Bring**

* Cooler with lunch, snack, beverages. DBMS is going plastic few this year so please send students with reusable containers if possible!
* Refillable water bottle
* Please remember programs are held outside rain or shone so please have students dress accordingly.
* Hat or visor
* Sunglasses
* Lightweight jacket or sweatshirt
* Bug spray
* Closed-toed water shoes or old shoes that can get wet or muddy (no flip flops)
* Backpack with towel, swimsuit and change of clothes
* **PLEASE keep ALL** IPods, cell phones, jewelry, money, favorite toys, expensive clothing or things you don’t want lost/damaged, etc. at home.
* *Instructors reserve the right to confiscate materials deemed inappropriate for use during the program. Instructors are also not responsible for lost items.*