



SEAScape

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TO: **SEAScape** Students
Session I **June 29– July 17, 2020**

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Program Director

RE: Program Materials for **SEAScape 2020**

*******WELCOME*******

The faculty and staff at the Sea Education Association look forward to your participation in our **SEAScape** program this summer. Please read all of the enclosed important information.

Arrival-Orientation

Plan to arrive at the SEA campus at 171 Woods Hole Road in Falmouth on June 29th, between 12:00 and 3:00 PM. See enclosed **Travel Information** and maps for directions. When you arrive on campus, you will be given your housing assignment and can unpack your belongings. **Orientation** is at 3:45 PM in SEA's Madden Center. After orientation, students will meet with their housemates and Resident Advisor before dinner that evening.

Parent Reception

Parents are welcome to attend the 3:45 student orientation and will also be invited to a parent reception which will occur immediately following the student orientation. During the latter meeting you will have an opportunity to talk directly with the instructors and ask further questions. We hope you will be able to plan this into your trip to SEA.

Academic Program

Students will have classroom activities daily until 4:00 PM and enrichment activities and study sessions after dinner. The students participate in two courses, *Introduction to Oceanography*, and *Oceans & Society*. These are academic courses, complete with homework, projects, grades and evaluations. Extracurricular Activities include *Leadership Training, and Field Work*. **Bring school supplies** such as, notebooks, pens, pencils, etc. Many students find it helpful to have their own laptop computer, though SEA has some desktop PCs available to students who don't bring a laptop.

Room and Board

Students will live in cottages on the SEA campus, each accommodating 10 or 11 students and closely supervised by an adult Resident Advisor. In each cottage there are two bathrooms, a living room area and a fully equipped kitchen. *You must bring your own towels, standard size twin sheets, pillowcase and warm blanket/sleeping bag.* Coin-operated laundry facilities are available on campus. Bring your own quarters for laundry, as there isn't a change machine available. A cook will provide meals each day and students will eat together as a community. **Your payment to SEA has already included money for food.** Students participate in some meal prep and share cleaning duties, thereby developing a close community. Please read the enclosed **Housing Guidelines**. There are several field trips throughout the program where students may have an opportunity to buy ice cream or a souvenir. Students may bring spending cash but will not need it for their daily meals.

Campus Life

Organized and supervised evening study hour, evening lectures, and community building activities are led by the Resident Advisors and overseen by the Program Director. Students also have a break each afternoon for an activity of their choosing. These often involve a volleyball or Frisbee game, having a little quiet time in their room, or a group visit to local beaches.

Communication/Mail

There is one telephone in each cottage which can be available to students who do not come with their own cell phone. This phone is available for emergency contact as well as personal calls during free time. You will be given the number at orientation and be able to give the phone number to your family. In the event of an emergency, parents may also reach you through SEA (800-552-3633). Long distance calls, collect calls or with a calling card, can be made between 1600 and 1845. Letters may be sent via the postal system and packages will be accepted. We ask that friends and family limit themselves to one care package per week for their student.

Mail sent via the USPS should be sent to:

Your Name, c/o SEASCape
SEA
P.O. Box 6
Woods Hole, MA 02543

Packages sent via UPS or Fed Ex should be sent to:

Your Name, c/o SEASCape
SEA
171 Woods Hole Road
Falmouth, MA 02540

Medical Record

Be sure that you have completed the SEA **Medical Form** (sent in your acceptance package) thoroughly and accurately, and return it to SEA. The staff must be aware of all prescription drugs and any medical concerns.

PLEASE NOTE: If any changes occur in your health and medical fitness between the time you submit the form and when you arrive in Woods Hole, it is important that you inform us of them.

Tuition, Contract, Refund Policy

A \$300 Deposit is due at the time your acceptance. You will be billed for the remainder of the \$5,100 tuition at a later date. All payments are non-refundable unless your space is filled. Tara Grieb (ext. 542) or treid@sea.edu at SEA can assist you with billing concerns. SEA Financial Aid will appear on your invoice. Questions regarding Financial Aid can be directed to Virginia Land McGuire, Associate Dean of Student Services and Financial Aid (ext. 557) or vland@sea.edu. Please be sure your contract has been sent to our office.

Questions?

If you have any questions or concerns about *SEAScape*, please feel free to call SEA's Office of Student Services at 800-552-3633 (Dale Dean at ext. 535 or Virginia Land McGuire at ext. 557). You may email us at ddean@sea.edu.

Everyone at SEA is looking forward to your participation in this program!

WELCOME...SEE YOU June 29th!



AT SEA'S WOODS HOLE CAMPUS

SEASCape focuses on the coastal and offshore marine environment around Cape Cod, Massachusetts both scientifically and culturally. During the program, students complete coursework in Oceanography and Oceans & Society. The SEA faculty combine daily weekday lectures and discussions with laboratory activities, field trips, and interdisciplinary projects. Students study theories of marine science and navigation in a historical and modern context, explore the history of the seagoing experience, and are introduced to a variety of contemporary maritime policy issues. In addition, students may have opportunities to work in small groups on assignments that integrate these topics.

Topics Covered:

Introduction to Oceanography: Coursework includes topics in geological, physical, chemical, and biological oceanography. We attempt to take advantage of Woods Hole's unique scientific resources by incorporating visits to local facilities into the curriculum.

Oceans & Society: Coursework includes topics on historical, cultural, and economic relationships between people and the oceans, and an introduction to the skills and knowledge used by the professional mariner. Students will visit maritime museums and local fishing industries while exploring the region's extensive maritime culture.

Extracurricular Activities:

Leadership Training: Effective skills in leadership, teamwork and management are essential in school, the workplace, and in dealing successfully with dynamic or unplanned events. This program builds these skills in both academic courses, emphasizing communication, thoughtful participation and a planned approach to tasks.

Field Work: This program provides potential opportunities for field trips to the Woods Hole Aquarium, New Bedford Whaling Museum and the Fishing Heritage Center, various labs and research facilities in Woods Hole and salt marshes in the area.

SEA's Madden Center campus in Woods Hole is equipped with several lecture halls, a working laboratory, computer facility, library, and student lounge area. Students live on campus in one of the residential houses, and are supervised by adult Resident Advisors. The Resident Advisors also act as Teaching Assistants. Life in each house revolves around its communal kitchen and dining area where students can socialize and work on group projects. After dinner each day, students continue their activities with a one-and-a-half hour enrichment lab, guest lecture, activity or video, followed by a study hall.

Additional activities include evening events led by the faculty and Resident Advisors. These activities may include: team building activities, labs related to coursework, life discussions, baseball games and/or a "movie and popcorn" night. Students are encouraged to use SEA's volleyball court, a central grassy field for soccer or Frisbee, and may take supervised beach walks just around the corner from campus.

HOUSING GUIDELINES

2020 SEASCape

This is your home for the duration of the program. We want you to be comfortable and safe. Living and working together as a small group encourages the sense of cooperation integral to the success of SEA's programs. Please use the following guidelines. SEA encourages cooperation, consideration and conservation.

Resident Advisor

Each cottage has a "Resident Advisor" who will live with you and is responsible for all students.

Fire & Emergency

An extinguisher and fire alarm are located near the kitchen back door and at the top of the stairs.

The smoke alarm in the lobby is connected to fire department!

Emergency phone numbers are posted near the telephone.

Dial 911 for police, ambulance, etc.

Prohibited

Alcohol and illegal drugs are **absolutely** prohibited. Possession of any of these materials is grounds for immediate dismissal.

Policies

* **Smoking is absolutely not allowed** by students participating in the SEA high school programs.

* **Cars** must be parked in the back lot. You may not drive your car during the shore component. Resident Advisors will use SEA vans for transporting everyone.

* **Your room is for you and your roommates only.** Getting together takes place in the common area (kitchen/living room).

* **No overnight guests.**

* **High School programs are run as a closed campus. Students are not allowed to leave campus without SEA staff or faculty.**

* Inform your Resident Advisor of **food allergies** or **prescription drugs** you have with you.

Schedule

You will be put on watches and these watches meet each day and are responsible for house duties like cleaning and other chores.

Curfew (The curfew will be strictly enforced.)

Study at Madden Center until 2130 (9:30 PM)

In your rooms at 2200 (10:00 PM)

Lights out at 2230 (10:30 PM)

Students may not leave campus unless accompanied by an SEA Resident Advisor or staff.

Repairs

Inform your Resident Advisor of any damage or missing items. They will contact the SEA Maintenance Staff.

Trash & Recycling

Trash & recycling must be brought daily to the Dumpsters behind the main building. Composting is also available.

Laundry Facilities

These facilities are located in the basement of Antares Cottage (coin-operated).

Housing Inspections will be on the final day the program. See cleaning checklist.

Houses must be left very clean before you leave!

Travel Information

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TO SEA campus (June 29th) Arrive by 3:00 PM for 3:45 PM Orientation

Airline and Bus Arrangements: Please fly into Logan Airport in Boston, MA. Peter Pan Bus Line (800-556-3815) operates buses from Logan to Falmouth. Buses leave from the lower level of each airline terminal at Logan (near the baggage claim area). Call the bus line for schedule and fare or check www.peterpanbus.com. The bus is marked “Peter Pan Bus - Woods Hole.” The bus ride from Logan to Falmouth is approximately two hours. Be sure to get off at the **Falmouth Depot (NOT Woods Hole)**. There will be an SEA van with an SEA staff member at the Falmouth depot to meet students and bring them to campus.

By Car: If you are driving to SEA, please see “About SEA...” on www.sea.edu. Our street address is 171 Woods Hole Rd., Falmouth, MA. Driving directions are also available on www.mapquest.com

Program End Date is July 17, 2020

Plan to leave campus between **8:00 and 11:00 am** that day. You must make travel arrangements in advance to go home. Transportation will be provided to the Peter Pan Bus station for anyone who needs it.

TRANSPORTATION DURING THE PROGRAM

Resident Advisors will provide transportation for necessary trips (i.e. field trips, free time off campus). Students bringing cars must leave them in the SEA parking lot and turn their keys into the program director.

FALMOUTH AREA ACCOMMODATIONS

See list of accommodations should you plan on staying in the area when you drop off or pick up your son or daughter.