



R.E.E.C.H.

RESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AT CAPE HENLOPEN STATE PARK

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MARINER MIDDLE SCHOOL'S OVERNIGHT TRIP

- REECH trip has been offered at Mariner for over 14 years.
- Mariner takes part in 2 separate, overnight trips to Cape Henlopen State Park yearly during the Spring season.
- Students and staff have the opportunity to connect with each other and nature outside of a formal classroom environment.
- Fun times are had by all in attendance.



LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- ❖ Seining in the bay
 - ❖ Water quality testing
 - ❖ Night hike
 - ❖ Swamp / Marsh walk
 - ❖ Diversity of ecosystems
 - ❖ Adaptations for survival
 - ❖ Horseshoe crab biology
 - ❖ Shore bird migration
 - ❖ And so much more
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OH THE PLACES YOU WILL GO

Seining on the Bay, Day 1



Nature walks and fresh air



WHAT STUDENTS ARE SAYING

- Samantha Swift~ “I really enjoyed it and was a fun and educational experience to share with a lot of my friends.”
- Anthony Drummond ~ “Teachers were so laid back on the trip, it was great.”
- Jai Han Xia ~ “The trip was a fun and hands on way to learn about the local ecosystem with my friends.”



THE POWER OF HUMAN CONNECTIONS

Students and staff are presented with the unique opportunity to interact in an informal setting:

- Students already see us as educators...REECH allows students to view teachers as people enjoying the same things they do.
- Teachers have the opportunity to enjoy watching students interact with nature and each other.
- New connections and bonds are created.
- This is a Win Win situation for all!



NOTHING BEATS YOUR TEACHER WITH A MEGAPHONE



TEACHER VIEWS

Like all teachers we are faced with being both efficient and effective educators.

- Our role/goal is to help our students grow both academically and socially.
- Many of the students who attend the REECH program have never been to the beach, gone camping, enjoyed a camp fire or roasted marshmallows.
- The possibility to provide such a valuable educational experience along with exposure to the wonders and joy to be had from nature is priceless!
- As Mariner educators we are fortunate to be in a district that supports efforts to provide such opportunities for our students who leave us not just understanding our curriculum; but knowing how to make and keep friends, work cooperatively, think critically, explore, invent, and appreciate nature.



