

2023-2024 ***Our Elizabeth River, Our Responsibility***



The Elizabeth River Project's Dominion Energy Learning Barge docked at Grandy Village Learning Center in Norfolk, Virginia.

We're excited for you to schedule a youth program today! The Elizabeth River Project provides award winning environmental programs to foster the next generation of lifelong river stewards. We provide a menu of programs that provide year-long Meaningful Watershed Educational Experiences for prek-12th grade teachers and students. Our barge, park, and teacher trainings reflect the Virginia Standards of Learning and the Elizabeth River Project's commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion. **Please contact us for current program pricing, scholarships may be available.**

Learning Barge

(Grades K-12): Up to 90 students over 90 minutes divide into small groups to rotate to six hands-on learning stations about river science, resilience, the river's ecosystem, stewardship and restoration efforts. Come aboard "America's Greenest Vessel" powered by the sun and wind and with live wetlands. **Fill out the field trip request form by visiting www.elizabethriver.org/the-learning-barge/**

Barge on Wheels

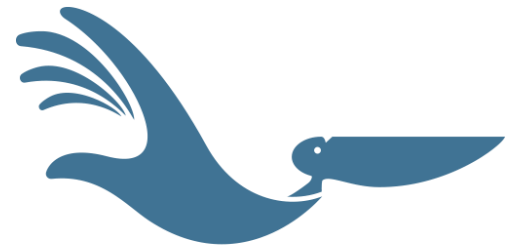
(Grades K-12): The Barge on Wheels comes to your school! Students rotate through outdoor learning stations and have close encounters with aquatic animals, test water quality, learn about renewable energy and the value of wetlands. Educators set-up an outdoor classroom and utilize the outside of van as a teaching tool. To schedule a 60-minute barge on wheels program **fill out the field trip request form by visiting www.elizabethriver.org/the-learning-barge/**

Youth Water Quality Monitoring

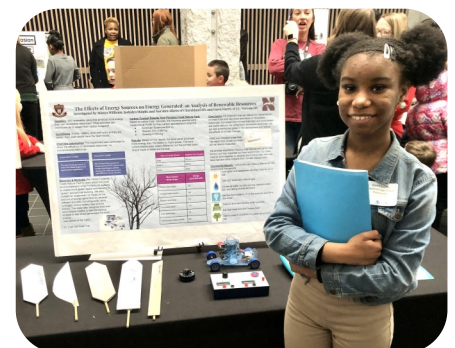
(Grades K-12): Students choose an Elizabeth River location near them to test water quality weekly for 8 weeks. Each student receives monitoring kit, instructions and staff support. Tests include temperature, pH, DO, bacteria, nitrates and turbidity. **Enroll by visiting www.elizabethriver.org/youth-water-monitoring/**

Resilient River Star Schools

(Grades K-12): Students conduct an action project with measurable results in their school/community addressing issues such as flooding, reducing their carbon footprint, and water quality. Groups of any size may participate. **Contact Sarah McBride, smcbride@elizabethriver.org**



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Students learn the value of trees at our 40-acre Paradise Creek Nature Park located in Portsmouth, Virginia.

Paradise Creek Nature Park Field Trips

(Grades PreK-12) Student groups rotate through 4 outdoor stations centered on the forest and wetlands. Activities include testing water quality, measuring trees, and nature identification using scientific tools and guides. PreK-2 program focuses on Jr. Ornithology. To schedule a 90-min program **fill out the field trip request form at www.elizabethriver.org/paradise-creek-nature-park-field-trips/**

Nature Explorers at Paradise Creek

(Grades PreK-2) Youth ages 4-8 become Nature Explorers while discovering the park's forest, wetlands and natural habitats. Students are guided through 3 learning stations including games, nature crafts and social tasks such as planting, and foraging. Nature Explorers is a 4 week program offered in Spring and Fall. Perfect for homeschoolers and remote learners. **Enroll by visiting www.elizabethriver.org/nature-explorers/**



Youth Conservation Interns

(Portsmouth High Schoolers) During the summer, up to 8 interns learn horticulture and landscaping skills. Over the 8-week period (180 hours), interns also earn stipends and certifications. Park staff will train students in conservation horticulture skills at Paradise Creek Nature Park. **Contact Larry LaPell, llapell@elizabethriver.org**

Teacher Training

Self paced lessons and resources offer an engaging way to teach about the Elizabeth River. Choose from *Resilient School Projects*, *Not So Merry Mummichog* and *Project Blue Crab*. Then join us for a 2 hour park MWE exploration & introduction of student field investigations. May include personal teacher stipend. **Contact Sarah McBride, smcbride@elizabethriver.org**



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