

St. Johns County School District's
MARINE SCIENCE PROGRAM
2026 PARENT PRE-APPLICATION INFORMATION SHEET

TWO SESSIONS OFFERED:

First Session – June 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11
Second Session – June 15, 16, 17, 18, 22, 23, 24, 25
(Please check each date carefully)

LOCATION:

Gamble Rogers Middle School
6250 US 1 South
St. Augustine, FL 32086

All sessions are from 8:15 A.M. to 2:15 P.M. Students are assigned to small classes (12-15 students) by grade level.

PRE-APPLICATIONS REQUIRE TWO PARTS TO BE COMPLETED:

The program is available to students currently in grades five through seven. Pre-applications for the summer 2026 program are available from science teachers in February. They may also be downloaded from the website after that date but must be returned to the science teacher for a teacher recommendation.

- **PART ONE:** Parents complete the online registration at <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/marinescience/>
Our full curriculum is located at this site. Please review the exciting activities and lessons your child will encounter during our time together.
- **PART TWO:** Students will complete their entrance essay and return to their teacher for recommendation. Teachers will forward all essays to our program for the selection process.

FINAL APPLICATIONS:

Final applications for selected students will be emailed to parents by the end of March. Notarized forms and final payment/minimum deposit are due to be returned by April 17th to Gamble Rogers Middle School.

PROGRAM COST:

The early registration cost of the two-week program is \$450 if paid by 5/15/26; paid after \$475. When your final application is received it must be notarized and returned with a minimum non-refundable deposit of \$200.

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Attention: Marine Science Program

CONTACT PERSON and WEBSITE:

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact Kristina Bransford by e-mail at marinescienceprogram@stjohns.k12.fl.us. Website: <http://www-grms.stjohns.k12.fl.us/>

ADVERSE WEATHER NOTICE

On rare occasions, some activities may have to be curtailed or even cancelled because of adverse weather creating unsafe conditions. Unfortunately, because of the tight structure of the program and the school district calendar, these activities are unable to be made up or refunded.

TRANSPORTATION:

School bus transportation will be provided at the following locations:

<u>Bus Stop</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>A.M. Pickup</u>	<u>P.M. Drop off</u>
A	Julington Creek Elementary	7:00	3:30
B	Julington Creek Elementary	7:00	3:30
C	PV/PV Rawlings Elementary	6:55	3:30
C	Landrum Middle School	7:05	3:15
H	Timberlin Creek Elementary	7:10	3:25
D	Valley Ridge Academy	7:20	3:20
E	Ketterlinus Elementary	7:30	3:15
E	R.B. Hunt Elementary	7:40	2:45
E	Crescent Beach Fire Station	8:00	2:30
F	Tocio Creek High School	7:15	3:00
G	Southwoods Elementary	7:45	2:45
G	Hartley Elementary	8:00	3:00

*Locations and times may be subject to change, please see new bus schedule with final application.

Parents who transport their children need to arrive promptly at Gamble Rogers Middle School at 8:15 A.M. and 2:15 P.M. Students

LUNCH:

Students need to bring their own lunch from home. (Drink and snack machines are not available.)

MATERIALS NEEDED EVERY DAY:

*Marine Science t- shirt hat and sunscreen bathing suit and towel
dry change of clothes ring binder notebook lunch
**sturdy lace-up style shoes any necessary medications

*For immediate student recognition and safety in the field and in public, Marine Science t-shirts must be worn every day. Students are given two shirts on the first day of the program.

**We recommend an old lace up tennis style shoes. Students who arrive at school in inappropriate footwear will not be permitted out in the field. This is a safety issue.

Students are required to wear our PFD's (personal flotation devices in all water activities).

FOCUS:

The Marine Science Program has maintained an academic focus since its beginnings in 1982. The program is designed for students who wish to expand their knowledge and experiences in the marine science field through "hands on" learning. Students are responsible for material presented. Grades are assigned and entered on a Certificate of Completion to be sent to parents to indicate student mastery. The majority of teaching and learning takes place in the field and students at various grade levels will access coastal environments by canoes, kayaks, SUP's (stand up paddleboards), windsurfers, sailboats, bicycles, hiking, snorkeling and boating. (See each grade level curriculum for specific activities by grade level.)