



CSS June 29– August 6, 2020

The Children's School of Science encourages and develops in children a love and appreciation of science. Inquiry, direct observation, and understanding of nature guide our instructional philosophy. Frequent field trips and hands-on classroom study give students the opportunity to explore nature, become adept at observation, and discover the rules that govern natural processes. The world-famous scientific community of Woods Hole offers additional opportunities to learn about research in different fields. The unusual complexity of the waters, geology, and biology of the greater Falmouth area provides a uniquely well suited "live" learning environment. Courses are organized into three week (A session runs from June 29 to July 17 and B session from July 20 to August 6) and six week sessions (AB runs from June 29 to August 6).

We are offering three special two week classes for older students this summer: Coastal Resilience, Monitoring Cape Cod Waters, and Microbial Life. These classes are advanced research classes for students aged 14 – 16 and meet from 1:45 – 4:00 and will include some extended field trips. All other classes meet daily Monday through Friday for ninety minutes. Attendance at every class is expected. A few six week classes can be taken for just the first four weeks (listed as A+), but priority is given in registration to students enrolling for six weeks. Courses are organized according to students' interests and age. Children may enroll in the youngest class if they reach the age of 7 years by the time they start Science School and have finished first grade. Students under age 10 are discouraged from enrolling in more than one class per session. A \$35 non-refundable fee is due at the time of registration. **Tuition for one six-week course is \$490, one two-week course is \$290 (listed as A1-2, AB3-4, or B5-6), and tuition for one three-week course is \$290. The tuition for the first four weeks of a six week class is \$385.**

Scholarships: Partial and full scholarships are available to those truly in need. Please send a written request for financial aid to general@childrenschoolofscience.org.

CSS is run by volunteers. All parents are asked to volunteer whenever possible; however, at a minimum, all parents of enrolled children are required to provide transportation for at least one field trip, or to work at the CSS front desk for two class periods, per three-week period enrolled. **Please note that additional children may not accompany you on your volunteer duty.**

2020 Calendar

June 29 – First day of classes
June 30 – Back to School Night 6-7 pm
July 17 – End of session A
July 20 – Session B begins
July 21 – Back to School Night 6-7 pm
July 23 – CSS Picnic Ballpark 5 pm
August 3 – Annual Meeting 7:30 pm
August 5 – Open House 5-6:30 pm
August 6 – End of sessions B and AB



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SCHEDULE OF CLASSES 2020

SESSION AB June 29 – August 6	SESSION A June 29 – July 17	SESSION B July 20 – August 6
<u>8:30 – 10:00</u> Seashore Life (7–8) Marine Biology (9–10) Ichthyology (11–12) B&W Photography (13–16)	<u>8:30 – 10:00</u> Up, Up, and Away! (8-9)	<u>8:30 – 10:00</u> Earth Science Matters (8-9)
<u>10:15 – 11:45</u> Surf & Turf (8-9) Intro to Film Photography (12-13)	<u>10:15 – 11:45</u> Waves, Wind, & Weather (10-11) ROV (13-15) Biological Illustration (14-16)	<u>10:15 – 11:45</u> Nautical Science (10-11) Ornithology (11-12) ROV (13-15)
<u>12:00 – 1:30</u> Advanced Marine Biology (14-16)	<u>12:00 – 1:30</u> Seashore Life (7–8) Marine Biology (9-10) Oceanography I (10-11) Entomology (12-13)	<u>12:00 – 1:30</u> Seashore Life (7–8) Marine Biology (9-10) Oceanography II (10-11) Embryology (12-13)
<u>1:45 – 3:15</u> <u>June 29 – July 10</u> 1:45-4:00 Coastal Resilience (14-16)	<u>1:45 – 3:15</u> Seashore Life (7–8) Animal Behavior (8–9) Geology (10–11) Environmental Science (12-13) <u>July 13 – July 24</u> 1:45 – 4:00 Monitoring Cape Cod Waters (14-16)	<u>1:45 – 3:15</u> Seashore Life (7–8) Animal Behavior (8–9) Botany (10-11) Invertebrates (12-13) <u>July 27 – August 6</u> 1:45 – 4:00 Microbial Life (14-16)

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2020 COURSES

Numbers listed in parentheses indicate ages for each class; letters indicate the session(s).

SEASHORE LIFE (7-8) A, B, AB

Students will explore and study the flora and fauna of the seashore, including dunes, marshes, beaches and shallow water. Activities may include setting up aquaria, experiments, art projects and collections. The six-week version of the course will allow for a more in-depth study of seashore life communities.

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR (8-9) A, B

Have you ever wondered why certain animals live where they do, or behave in particular ways? Through collection, observation and experimentation, this course will study the habits and habitats of local animals.

SURF & TURF (8-9) AB, A+

This six-week course will explore the marine, land, and freshwater habitats of Woods Hole by looking closely at fish, birds, insects, amphibians, mammals, and other organisms living on Cape Cod. Students will learn to identify common species and discuss how they thrive in varied environments including estuaries, salt marshes, ponds, lakes, woods, and fields. This course can be taken for the first four weeks or for six weeks, but six week students will get priority registration.

UP, UP, AND AWAY! PHYSICS OF FLIGHT (8-9) A

Birds! Planes! Insects! How do they do it??? In this course, students will learn about flight through hands on experimentation. Topics covered include the four forces of flight – lift, drag, thrust, and weight. It'll be just plane fun!

EARTH SCIENCE MATTERS (8-9) B

This course will focus on the physical characteristics of planet Earth. With a taste of geology, meteorology, paleontology, and oceanography – Earth Science Matters will give students a better understanding of our planet.

MARINE BIOLOGY (9-10) A, B, AB

This is a diverse field-oriented course in which students will visit rocky, sandy and marshy ecosystems to study and collect the major groups of animals and plants of the ocean. In the classroom, students will observe marine organisms with dissecting microscopes and will make a shell collection. The six-week version will study these areas in greater depth.

GEOLOGY OF CAPE COD (10-11) A

Students will be introduced to the geological history of Cape Cod. The course will focus on such topics as Cape Cod's rock record and history, fossils, soil and water. Laboratory modeling and fieldwork will help students examine the changes in the environment over past geological periods.

BOTANY (10-11) B

Plants provide the foundation for all life on Earth. In botany, we collect and identify local plant species and learn about their importance in our ecosystem. Through experiments, microscopy, dissection and field-work, students gain a hands on appreciation for botanical concepts and the dynamic role that plants play in the world around us.

WIND, WAVES, & WEATHER (10-11) A

Why are there waves at Nobska when the water is flat at Stoney? Why is Woods Hole cool when Boston is so hot? What causes tornadoes? These are just a few of the questions that students will examine in Wind, Waves, and Weather.

NAUTICAL SCIENCE (10-11) B

Explore boat design and build a seaworthy model boat, learn to navigate by chart and compass, experiment with the principles of buoyancy and displacement, and delve into nautical terminology and practical seamanship. Classes will take trips to the working waterfront and through Woods Hole Passage.

OCEANOGRAPHY I (10-11) A

This class will focus on the physical processes within the ocean such as wave formation, tides, spirals and global ocean circulation. Students may investigate the impact of these processes on beach profiles, coastal erosion and phenomena such as the "Pacific plastic garbage patch". They will learn about the ocean-atmosphere relationship and its importance to weather and climate across the globe.

OCEANOGRAPHY II (10-11) B

Students in this class will learn about the chemical properties of sea water such as salinity and pH. They may investigate how changes to ocean chemistry due to natural processes (such as biological activity or geology) or human activities (such as pollution) may impact both marine and terrestrial life.

ORNITHOLOGY (11-12) B

Our focus will be on learning how to identify birds in the field by size, shape, sound, color, behavior and field marks. We will investigate the diversity of birds; anatomy, form, and function; flight and the adaptive functions of feathers. We will learn about breeding behaviors, and by dissecting nests, we'll learn to identify the birds that made them.

ICHTHYOLOGY (11-12) AB

In this class, students will study the characteristics of species found in local North Atlantic and freshwater habitats, including their diverse forms, adaptations, life cycles, and survival strategies. Students will be fishing from local piers and the boat.

ENTOMOLOGY (12-13) A

Did you know that there are over 900,000 known species of insects in the world and probably as many not yet known? Why are they so successful? We will investigate the curious and beautiful world of insects through the collection and classification of living specimens. We will study their morphology, habitats and learn about their important role in human survival.

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (12-13) A

This course will focus on ecosystems around Woods Hole and human impacts on those systems. We will explore physical, chemical and biological aspects of both aquatic and terrestrial habitats. By collecting samples and taking measurements, we will see how humans are impacting local ecosystems and discuss how these impacts could be lessened.

INVERTEBRATES (12-13) B

Invertebrates dominate the animal world. They include organisms such as sponges, cnidarians, worms, echinoderms, mollusks and arthropods. This hands-on class will survey the diversity of invertebrate phyla and explore the evolutionary relationships between these groups. Students will study internal and external anatomy, reproduction and feeding through observation of live specimens, dissection and field trips to local ecosystems. We will also investigate aspects of their behavior through detailed observation and design of experiments in the classroom.

INTRODUCTION TO FILM PHOTOGRAPHY (12-13) AB, A+

Welcome to photography! In this class, we will learn how to use a film camera and understand the science behind photography. We will explore how to artistically capture nature through our lens and be introduced to film development and photo printing in the darkroom. Space is limited to 10 students and cameras will be provided. This course can be taken for the first four weeks or for six weeks, but six week students will get priority registration. *Materials Fee: \$75*

EMBRYOLOGY (12-13) B

During development, a single cell will divide and produce many different cell types with different shapes and jobs. How does this happen? How long does it take? This course will introduce and explore the changes and stages of embryonic development in organisms through collection and microscopic research.

ROBOTICS/ROVs (13-15) A, B

Students will focus on the technical, economic, and environmental aspects of real world marine engineering and electronics. Through frequent field trips to Woods Hole labs, project design, and data analysis, students will explore principles such as buoyancy, propulsion and energy. Students will build a functional remotely operated vehicle (ROV).

B & W FILM PHOTOGRAPHY (13-16) AB, A+

Discover the science behind the unique, creative qualities of black and white film photography. In this intensive 4-6 week class, students will review the basic principles of photography including the balance of light and time, composition, and darkroom procedures for developing and printing film. Space is limited to 12 students and cameras will be provided. This course can be taken for the first four weeks or for six weeks, but six week students will get priority registration. *Materials Fee: \$75.*

ADVANCED MARINE BIOLOGY (14-16) AB, A+

Through hands-on exposure, students will delve into the biology and ecology of marine vertebrates and invertebrates, their evolution and classification, anatomy and physiology, and behaviors and habitats. This course will include snorkeling field trips to different ecosystems around Woods Hole. Students must provide their own mask, snorkel and fins. A swim test will be administered requiring students to swim 50 feet and tread water for 2 minutes. This course can be taken for the first four weeks or for six weeks, but six week students will get priority registration.

BIOLOGICAL ILLUSTRATION (14-16) A

Illustration can be a useful and beautiful method of recording information. In this class we will become familiar with basic techniques of biological illustration, while examining the structure, anatomy and function of local organisms. This course will also compare historically important methods of illustration with modern techniques such as photomicrographs and data-based animations.

TWO WEEK CLASSES

COASTAL RESILIENCE (14-16) A1-2 (June 29 – July 10)

Climate change and rising sea levels will have big impacts on coastal communities, including Woods Hole. This course examines those impacts and explains the concept of resilience. Students will inventory resources at risk, perform experiments aimed at understanding the meaning of sustainable recovery, and examine the types of actions being taken to minimize and adapt to the consequences of coastal flooding and other storm effects.

Note: The course involves extended field trips and ends at 4:00pm each day.

MONITORING CAPE COD WATERS (14-16)

AB3-4 (July 13 – July 24)

Water is an essential and precious resource on the Cape, but relatively little attention is paid to rivers and freshwater sources. In this course, we will investigate the biology and chemistry of Cape waters, tracing the pathways from the bogs and rivers out into the marine environment. Students will learn how these waters are monitored and studied, and they will have the opportunity to participate in research projects using modern techniques.

Note: The course involves extended field trips and ends at 4:00pm each day.

MICROBIAL LIFE (14-16) B5-6 (July 27 – August 6)

Microbes profoundly impact our external environment as well as our personal biome. Learn about the strange and fascinating world of bacteria, protists and fungi through microscopic observation and experimentation both in the classroom and in various Woods Hole ecosystems. *Note: The course involves extended field trips and ends at 4:00pm each day.*