

# 2017 LEAD Camp Application

June 18-24, 2017

## Participant Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

## Recommending Teacher

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent Contact Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Tel. Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Application to LEAD Camp must include:

- completed application form
- letter of recommendation from a current teacher
- one page essay

**Application Deadline: June 5, 2017**

**Cost: \$225/student**

Mail, email or fax application materials to:

**Kristin Buter**  
c/o LUMCON  
8124 Highway 56  
Chauvin, LA 70344  
Fax: (985) 851-2874  
kbuter@lumcon.edu



### CAMP HIGHLIGHTS:

- Cruise aboard a research vessel
- Explore barrier islands
- Canoe through coastal salt marshes
- Interact with marine scientists
- Discover more about Louisiana's estuarine resources
- And much more

### FOR MORE INFORMATION:

LEAD Camp contact  
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for more information about LUMCON's research and education programs



# Marine Science Summer Camp

## LUMCON Estuarine Awareness and Discovery Camp June 18-24, 2017

The Louisiana Universities Marine Consortium (LUMCON) was founded in 1979 to coordinate and stimulate Louisiana's activities in marine research and education. LUMCON's primary facilities are located at the DeFelice Marine Center in Cocodrie, Louisiana. This location, situated within the estuarine wetland complex of the Mississippi River delta plain between the Atchafalaya and

Mississippi Rivers, provides ready access to the most productive estuaries in the



United States, to a variety of coastal environments, and to the open Gulf of Mexico. LUMCON's research programs expand the knowledge of estuaries, coastal waters and open ocean ecosystems. The

program also supports issues of importance to both Louisiana's needs in marine science and coastal resources and those of the global ocean. The educational mission of the Consortium is concentrated within the Marine Education Program.

This program includes activities at the University, K-12 and Teacher and Public Education levels to provide many audiences with field experiences and information about marine and coastal environments.

## About LEAD Camp

LUMCON is offering students an opportunity to gain knowledge and experience about Louisiana's coastal and marine environments through its annual summer camp. Participants of this science-based discovery camp will learn about some of Louisiana's most treasured resources.

As LEAD campers, students will have access to research vessels, oceanographic equipment, laboratories, and scientists that work to understand more about Louisiana's rich and dynamic

environments.

LEAD camp is designed for students from 9th to 12th grade who have a desire to learn more about coastal and marine science. This week-long



residential camp immerses students in the environments about which they are learning. Campers learn by doing activities in the laboratory, in the field, and on research vessels.

LEAD Camp is ideal for an 9th-12th grade student that may be considering a career in marine or environmental science, or any student interested in learning how we are all connected to Louisiana's rich coastal environments.

## DeFelice Marine Center

The Marine Center is a modern, 75,000 square foot complex of research, instructional, housing, and support facilities completed in 1986. The Center includes 26,000 net usable square feet of laboratory, classroom, office, and library space. Eight laboratories are equipped with running sea water. Six additional laboratories are reserved for dry applications and instrumentation and are

used for both research and teaching.

Dormitory rooms provide housing for up to 80 persons and are available for use by students, teachers, visiting investigators, and instructors. A cafeteria/general meeting room is situated in the center of the complex, linking the housing and research/instructional spaces.

LEAD campers are housed

in our dormitory rooms 2-4 students per room.

Genders are separated on different wings of the dormitory area.

Camp staff are on site 24 hours a day. A security guard is also on site during non-business hours.



*“LEAD Camp was a truly inspiring and fun week. I can’t think of a better way to learn about marine science than to actually be a part of it.”*  
~ Katie, 2006

## Camp Highlights

LEAD campers are given every opportunity to take advantage of the on-going research at the marine center. Activities are designed to give campers the best experience. Field and laboratory activities make each day an exciting new adventure. Campers complete LEAD Camp with a new awareness and understanding

of the ecosystem, the threats to our coast, and the steps they can take to protect Louisiana’s natural resources.

Below is a list of some of the activities that may be offered during LEAD Camp.

- 3-4 hour cruises aboard a research vessel
- a trip to one of the barrier islands

- a canoe trip through the salt marsh
- vertebrate and invertebrate dissection labs
- plankton lab
- plant and animal population surveys
- beach surveys
- and much more

## Camp Cost: \$225/Student\*

The camp fee is all inclusive. The fee charged per student covers the costs of the meals, snacks, and housing.

Additional funding for activities, vessels, and field excursions is

supplemented by grants and donations.

The cost is \$225 per student.

*Payment is required after a student is selected and before the payment deadline.*

**Camp Fee: \$225/student**

**Payment deadline: June 16, 2017**

\*Scholarships maybe available to students that qualify or demonstrate a need.

## How to Apply

To apply to be one of the 2015 campers submit a completed application (included on the back of this brochure), an essay and a letter of recommendation by the application deadline. Applicants will be notified about the status of their applications about one week after the application deadline. No applications will be reviewed before the application deadline.

The letter of recommendation must be

from a current science teacher and must include contact information.

The essay must be at least one page and include

- why you want to attend camp,
- what you hope to learn,
- and what interests you about science.

Eligible students are students who are in 9th through the 12th grade. during the 2014-2015 school year. Students who have completed the 8th grade will also be considered

based on space availability.

Send all application materials to:

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## Camper Selection

Campers are selected based on all the required application materials. Students that have not submitted all the applications materials by the

application deadline are not considered.

Students are selected by a committee of LUMCON

educators, scientists, and graduate students who review the application materials of all applicants.



*“ I didn't notice how much I learned at camp until the first day of school when the teacher was asking questions and I was the only one in the room who had a clue what she was talking about.*

*I miss camp already . ” ~ ~ Hallie, 2014*

## Program Partners

