



Fishers Island Nature Discovery (FIND)
Two Weeks of Learning Programs
for Young Island Naturalists

Do any of these scenarios sound familiar?

As you're driving down to Hay Harbor, your child points out with great excitement a heron's nest and asks you, "Mom, what do they eat?"

Or, you're picnicking on Chocomount and your kids gather seashells and ask you, "What kind of shells are these?"

As you pass the water works, one of your children questions, "How do we get drinking water on Fishers when we are surrounded by salt water?"

We are offering your children the chance to explore answers to these questions and many more!

FIND seeks to introduce children to a myriad of environmental topics that pertain to the natural history and stewardship of our island. Using the Ferguson Museum as a base, the programs will provide an indoor/outdoor learning experience that introduces our children to the Island's natural resources and some of the challenges we face in maintaining its fragile ecology. Led by naturalists and educators, the children will discover the Island's natural history through a combination of hands-on exploration, observation, and interpretation.

Logistics

When: The program will pilot in summer 2019 during the weeks of August 12 and August 19; Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. *Choose either one or two weeks.*

Who: 20 children max, divided into two ages groups (5-7 years and 8-10 years). Each group will be led by two people, either trained educators from the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, staff from the H. L. Ferguson Museum, or a guest naturalist.

Where: Location will vary based on the daily plan, but will include Fishers Island's beaches, woods, and bodies of water. The programs will utilize the Ferguson Museum as a home base. Programs will split time indoors and outdoors and will include art and science projects related to the subject matter.



Registration for Fishers Island Nature Discovery ("FIND") August 2019
NOTE: Submit One Form for Each Child Enrolled ("Participant")

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Name of Participant: _____

Gender of Participant: _____

Participant's age (as of August 2019) and DOB: _____

Primary Parent/Guardian Name (first and last): _____

Primary Parent/Guardian e-mail address: _____

Primary Parent/Guardian cell phone: _____

Secondary Parent/Guardian name (first and last): _____

Secondary Parent/Guardian e-mail address: _____

Secondary Parent/Guardian cell phone: _____

Island house phone: _____

Island address: _____

Home phone: _____

Address: _____

HEALTH INFORMATION

Participant's allergies: YES, has allergies ____ NO, does not have allergies ____

If "YES" is checked, please describe in space below:

Participant's allergies and other health concerns: _____



EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

In an emergency FIND staff will attempt to contact Parents / Guardians at house phone(s) and cell phone(s). If unable, the staff will attempt to contact your emergency contacts. Two emergency contacts must be provided. Neither emergency contact may be a Parent or Guardian listed above.

Emergency Contact 1 - Name: _____

Emergency Contact 1 - Relationship to Participant: _____

Emergency Contact 1 - House phone _____

Emergency Contact 1 - Cell phone _____

Emergency Contact 2 - Name: _____

Emergency Contact 2 - Relationship to Participant: _____

Emergency Contact 2 - House phone _____

Emergency Contact 2 - Cell phone _____

AUTHORIZED PICK-UP PERSON

Please list any additional individuals authorized to pick up your child:

Authorized person 1 - Name:

Authorized person 1 - Phone number:

Authorized person 1 - Relationship to Participant:

Authorized person 2 - Name:

Authorized person 2 - Phone number:

Authorized person 2 - Relationship to Participant:



Please circle which week(s) your child will participate:

Week 1 (August 12)

Week 2 (August 19)

The cost per Participant is \$300 per week to cover the expense of staff and materials. Please send registration form and a check made payable to "Henry L. Ferguson Museum" and flag memo section as "FI Nature Discovery" or "FIND."

Mailing address:

Henry L. Ferguson Museum
PO Box 554
Fishers Island, NY 06390

Fed Ex / UPS address:

Henry L. Ferguson Museum
1109 Equestrian Ave.
#554
Fishers Island, NY 06390

(Phone 631-788-7239)

I understand that participating in the Museum's FIND programs involve some level of risk.

Parent / Guardian signature required

Date

The following pages 5 and 6 are part of this registration agreement.



Participating Child's Name _____

The Fishers Island Nature Discovery staff strives to operate the best programs possible. The health and medication policies below reflect this commitment.

Parent / Guardian: Please read the following agreements, waivers, and policies carefully, and initial below each. They include release of liability and waiver of legal rights. By initialing below you acknowledge that you have read and understood such terms of participation in the FIND program.

General Terms - Liability

I, being the Parent or Guardian, for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, agree to indemnify the Henry L. Ferguson Museum, its representatives, directors, officers, trustees, agents and employees and hold them harmless from any claim arising out of or in connection with any acts or omissions of my child or ward (collectively, "my child") in connection with participation in FIND activities. I also agree to indemnify and hold the Henry L. Ferguson Museum and its representatives, directors, officers, trustees, agents and employees (collectively, "Museum Personnel") harmless from, and, for myself and my child, to release and waive all claims for injury to my child arising out of or in connection with acts or omissions of Museum Personnel, or otherwise, in connection with my child's participation in FIND activities.

I agree to the foregoing indemnity, waiver and release provisions: Init. _____

FEES / CANCELLATION

Full payment is due upon registration. Cancellations will be accepted until two weeks before the start date of any session, and a 15 percent service charge will be deducted from any refund. If you need to cancel within two weeks of any FIND session, no refund will be given.

I agree to the Fee and Cancellation provisions: Init. _____

INSECT REPELLENT POLICY

The Parent / Guardian is responsible for the first application of insect repellent before the Participant is dropped off for FIND. FIND suggests dressing your child in clothing to help prevent insect bites. Insect repellent **MUST** be in original containers and labeled with your child's name. Please check your child at the end of each day for ticks.

I agree to the Repellent Policy: Init. _____

SUNSCREEN POLICY

The parent/guardian is responsible for the first application of sunscreen before the child is dropped off for FIND. FIND suggests dressing your child in clothing to further assist in preventing damage from the sun (including hats). All sunscreen **MUST** be in original containers and labeled with your child's name on it. We recommend you send an ample supply. We cannot be responsible for an insufficient amount provided.

I agree to the Sunscreen Policy: Init. _____.



FIELD TRIPS

I give permission for my child to go on any field trips and understand that he or she will be traveling by passenger van, mini-van, school bus, or automobile to various locations on Fishers Island. Vehicles will be driven by FIND staff, adult volunteers, or parents of children attending FIND programs.

I agree to the terms of the Field Trip Permissions: Init. _____

PHOTOGRAPHY RELEASE

I hereby acknowledge that photos of my child may be used for promoting FIND. Photos may be used in brochures, web pages, and other forms of publicity including but not limited to newsprint publications. I understand that FIND will not tag or otherwise identify individual children.

I agree to the Photography Release: Init. _____

First Aid Permission:

I give my permission for the personnel of FIND to give minor medical treatment if needed in my absence, and to transport my child to the island medical facilities, if needed. Additionally, all known allergies and medical concerns have been reported above to FIND.

I agree to the First Aid Permission: Init. _____

EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION

In the event of an urgent medical emergency, involving injury or illness of my child, where no Parent, Guardian or Emergency Contact can be reached immediately, or time does not permit an effort to reach them, permission is hereby granted to Henry L. Ferguson Museum employees and FIND staff to authorize or employ such methods of treatment, as in their judgment may be necessary.

I agree to the Emergency Authorization: Init. _____

Note: Please phone, e-mail, or stop by the Museum to reserve a place for your child in one or both of the week-long sessions. The completed form and payment by check must be received within one week of your initial reservation request or your child's place will not automatically be held if the session fills up. No reservations without signed forms and payment will be accepted within two weeks of the start of each session.

Please drop your forms and payment off at the Museum or send them by mail or express service. (See addresses on page 4.) If you have any questions, please call:

MUSEUM PHONE: 631-788-7239. MUSEUM E-MAIL: fimuseum@fishersisland.net

Contact: Pierce Rafferty, Museum Director

