



## Win a Summer Program with the Westport River Watershed Alliance!

WRWA's Gay Gillespie Summer Scholarship Fund is sponsoring an essay contest to help build student's creative writing skills, and to offer eight winners the opportunity to participate in these wonderful summer science programs free of charge.



### **Coastal Explorers (Ages 7-9):**

Discover the wildlife in our coastal waters in this hands-on, science day program. We'll use a seine net to catch critters, complete scavenger hunts, hike through the dunes, play some nature games on the beach, and create crafts from natural objects. Time: Monday through Friday 9am to 1pm. Weeks available: July 9-13; July 23-27. Cost: \$180 members/\$220 nonmembers. Free for the Essay Contest Winners.

### **River Edventurers (Ages 9-11):**

Head out on WRWA's Skiff, Water Watcher, to explore the Westport River by boat. We will tow a plankton net, pull up crab pots and observe osprey nests. Participants will also have the chance to look inside a marine creature to find out how they survive this ocean habitat. Time: Monday through Friday 9am to 1pm. Weeks available: July 16-20; August 6- 10. Cost: \$200 members and \$240 nonmembers. Free for the Essay Contest Winners.

***Essay Topic:*** *What would you like to learn about at WRWA's summer science programs?*

#### Essay Rules:

- Must be a resident in one of the Westport River Watershed area towns: Westport, Dartmouth, Fall River, Freetown in MA and Tiverton and Little Compton in RI.
- Coastal Explorers Summer Program: Children in grades 1 and 2 may submit an entry for this program. The essay should be hand-written, at least one page (8.5 x 11) in length, and be the student's own, original work.
- River Edventures Summer Program: Children in grades 3 and 4 may submit an entry for this program. The essay should be hand-written, at least one page in length (8.5 x 11) and be the student's own, original work.
- Six winners will be chosen throughout the grades.

#### Important Dates:

- March 6th: Essays are due.
- March 27th -Winners will be announced.

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# WRWA Essay Contest



Do you enjoy exploring the beach, catching critters, making crafts and playing games? Enter to win a free week of summer science programs with WRWA! To enter the essay contest write a short essay in the box below about what you would like to learn about at the summer programs with the WRWA.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

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