



2024 Eco-Explorers Summer Program

Application Packet



This four-week, all-day summer program for current 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students combines recreational activities, environmental education lessons, computer technology lessons, and guided field trips to notable natural sites and water resource management facilities in the Passaic River basin and Newark Bay. Project staff will lead the tours and present lessons in classrooms and science labs on the campus of Montclair State University. Students will be taught how to use instruments and software used by scientists and other professionals and apply these skills toward exercises relevant to the sites and topics of the tours. Students will also develop presentations illustrating important environmental issues and deliver presentations on the final day. A bus driven by a professional driver will be used to pick up, transport, and drop off students. Pick-up will take place between 8:30-9:00 am and drop-off will take place between 4:00-4:30 pm each day. Students are dismissed under their own supervision, counselors can not wait for a camper to be picked up by a parent or guardian.

Applicants that are selected to participate in the Eco-Explorers Summer Program will be awarded a full scholarship! The scholarship will cover all fees associated with attending the program including tour fees, lunch, and transportation. Applicants should be able to participate in moderately strenuous outdoor activities, have interest and aptitude in science and computer technology, and must be able to commit to the entire session- all 20 days. The session will run from July 8 to August 2, 2024. Please note that the program only occurs on weekdays Monday-Friday. Notification of acceptance and scholarship award will be sent out in early May 2024.

For additional information about Eco-Explorers, please visit www.montclair.edu/water-science/eco-explorers. If you have any questions, please e-mail the Eco-Explorers program coordinator, Colleen Potocki at ecoexplorers@montclair.edu. Or, you can call the New Jersey Center for Water Science and Technology at 973-655-3711.



To apply, complete and submit the form on the second page.
OR, you can apply online by scanning the QR code!

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2024 Application Form

General Information

*Accepted students will be awarded a full **Eco-Explorers Scholarship**, which covers all fees associated with attending the program. Please fill out the information on this page and mail it to New Jersey Center for Water Science and Technology of Montclair State University 1 Normal Ave, Montclair, NJ 07043 or email to ecoexplorers@montclair.edu by **Monday, April 1st, 2024!** Please do not submit this application if you CAN NOT commit to the entire 4 weeks.*

Student's Name	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> First Last </div>	Age:	Gender:
Student's School			Current Grade: (circle) 5 / 6 / 7 / 8
Student's Address	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Address City State Zip </div>		
Preferred Language of Student			
Parent/Guardian's Name	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> First Last </div>	Relationship to Student	
Parent/Guardian's Address (if different from above)	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Address City State Zip </div>		
Parent/Guardian's Phone Number	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Cell Phone Home Phone Work Phone </div>		
Parent/Guardian's email address			
Preferred Language of Parent/Guardian			

By signing this form, I give the student permission to participate in the **Eco-Explorers** program.

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student General Interest Form

1. Please rate the following statements, from 1 (Not Interested) to 5 (Very Interested):

	1	2	3	4	5
I am interested in attending college.					
I am interested in STEM.					
I am interested in pursuing a career in STEM.					
I appreciate nature.					

2. Please rate the following statements, from 1 (Not Interested) to 5 (Very Interested):

	1	2	3	4	5
I am interested in spending time outdoors.					
I am interested in protecting the environment.					
I am interested in gardening/ growing my own vegetables.					
I am interested in speaking to my friends/family about the environment.					

3. How much time during the week do you spend outdoors?

- ☐ Less than 1 hour
- ☐ Between 1-5 hours
- ☐ Between 5-10 hours
- ☐ More than 10 hours