

# Kiawah Island Nature Program

## On-Island Field Trip

Programs are hosted here, on Kiawah Island, led by our knowledgeable Naturalists! Your students will receive a hands-on, memorable experience immersed in the natural world of our pristine barrier island!

\$4/student/1-hour long program with a \$60 minimum. Teachers are complimentary as well as chaperones with a recommended ratio of 1 adult to every 10 students.

100 student maximum for on-island visitation

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## Classroom Program

Kiawah's Naturalists can come to you! Let us visit your school and present interpretive programs in person.

\$150 for a single 1-hour long program with 30 students

\$4 for each additional student, \$75 for each additional hour-long program

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## Questions?

Our Naturalists have strong science backgrounds and can work with you to customize specific themes and topics from our programs to harmonize with subjects covered in your classroom and the South Carolina State Science Standards.

Please contact our Education Coordinator, **Meredith\_Bean @kiawahresort.com** or call the Nature Center at **843.768.6001** with any inquiries or additional questions about the programs we offer!

## Available Programs

### Reptile Round-Up:

Are you ready for an up-close, hands-on experience with our reptiles? With an experienced Naturalist as your guide, learn what adaptations make each reptile unique, what their important roles are within their environment, and debunk some of the common misconceptions surrounding reptiles! After a hands-on interaction with some of our live reptile species, your students are sure to have a newfound appreciation and understanding for Lowcountry wildlife!

**Kiawah's Ambassador Species:** American Alligators, Corn Snakes, Eastern Box Turtles, Diamondback Terrapins, and much more!

*Available for On-Island Field Trips or Classroom Visits*

### Beach Ecology:

Investigate native sea creatures as they become exposed by the tide! Groups are led by a Naturalist guide, addressing the many species that can be discovered along our shoreline while beachcombing. This may range from a variety of marine invertebrates to marine mammals, shorebirds, and even fish species! Naturalists can also cover related topics including dune and barrier island formation, succession, erosion, or the nesting and hatching activity of the sea turtles that visit Kiawah!

Between April and September, the program also includes a seining session which involves pulling a net through the water and dragging it back onshore to observe the catch. This experience allows students to obtain hands-on interaction with native fish, crabs, and potentially other species that can be caught while seining!

**\*\* This program is weather dependent\*\***

*Available for On-Island Field Trips, modified programming available for Classroom Visits*

### Maritime Forest and Freshwater Ecosystems:

Are your students ready to explore one of the quintessential ecosystems of the Lowcountry? Allow one of our Naturalists to lead your class on a walk through Night Heron Park's maritime forest and ponds. Here they will have an in-person opportunity to learn about succession, the different adaptations that the flora and fauna have to tolerate this sometimes extreme environment, and how organisms within this environment interact with and depend upon each other!

*Available for On-Island Field Trips*

## Mammalogy:

Put your students' detective skills to the test with our mammalogy program! After a brief presentation led by an experienced Naturalist about how different mammals have adapted to Lowcountry living, students will work together in teams to identify a variety of native mammal skulls. With a dichotomous key as their only tools, they will have to make observations about each skull's adaptations in order to determine who it may belong to and gain points based on their team's accuracy.

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