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N.C. Coastal Federation Offers Summer Camps

OCEAN – The N.C. Coastal Federation is taking summer camp to the next level. Rising third- through fifth-graders can get their feet wet and have an experience like no other while learning about coastal ecology during the federation’s new Explorers’ Camp on Jones Island in the White Oak River.

Young explorers can sign up for one of two daylong camps to be held on June 29 and on July 27. Each camp runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is led by educators from Hammocks Beach State Park and the federation.

Jones Island is the latest addition to the park. The federation bought most of the 24-acre island in 2005 through state and federal grants and later donated it to the park.

Working with the park, the federation has created an environmental education and restoration center, complete with a large classroom to be used for year-round programming. The island has been the focus of major projects to restore marshes and oyster beds, and more than 1,700 volunteers have helped in the efforts over the past few years. The island has become a living classroom and a great place to study and conduct research.

Explorers will depart from park in Swansboro at 9 a.m. and make the 15-minute trip to Jones Island by park ferry, hopefully seeing dolphins and egrets along the way.

Camp registration is \$20 and includes ferry transportation, all instruction, an Explorers’ t-shirt, snacks and a Jones Island Explorer’s certificate. The camp is limited to 20 explorers; interested participants must register by calling the federation at 252-393-8185.

About the North Carolina Coastal Federation -- “Citizens Working Together for a Healthy Coast”

The N.C. Coastal Federation is the state’s only non-profit organization focused exclusively on protecting and restoring the coast of North Carolina through education, advocacy and habitat restoration and preservation. The federation’s headquarters are at 3609 N.C 24 in Ocean between Morehead City and Swansboro and are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The federation also operates offices in Wilmington and Manteo. For more information call 252-393-8185 or check out its website at www.nccoast.org