

Dear Parents/Sponsors:

Bring Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day is almost here, and you are almost finished with registration!

Overview - Signing up for workshops:

The 13 and up group has a great set of workshop options this year. Please read the Workshop Registration Directions, and descriptions found below. If you have received more than one e-mail, it is because you have registered more than one child in this age group.

There are three different workshop tracks this year. Each child will rotate through only the workshops within their chosen track; each track is identified by a different color. In order to make the workshops as interactive and engaging as possible, each workshop track has limited space. Once a track reaches maximum capacity, a child is assigned to their 2nd choice. Most children are placed in their first choice, and I rarely have to dip into a third choice.

Event Day procedures:

Please check your child in at the tables at the SSMC Science Center, between 7:30 and 8:30 am on Thursday, April 22. Remember that if your child would like a snack you must bring your own. After check-in, you should return to your office. Your child will attend a morning program in the auditorium and then be escorted by NOAA chaperones throughout his or her workshops. All children will be escorted back to the auditorium after the workshops are over. Please pick up your child at NOON from the Science Center courtyard and lobby area.

Please pick up your child at NOON. This mandatory rule will help ensure your child's safety and everyone's peace of mind. You may be surprised how unsettling it can be for "unclaimed" children!

Following lunch on your own, optional afternoon activities include an Ice Cream Social in the Science Center at 1:30 pm, and the a movie in the auditorium from 2:30 to approximately 4:00 pm.

Workshop Registration Directions:

Participants, sponsors, or parents -- please review all three workshops track options found below – RED, BLUE, GREEN. Rank the track (color) in order of interest: 1 being your top choice, 3 being your last choice. Remember, they will be attending only the workshops within the color track you choose. You may send a single e-mail response for multiple children if you like.

However, please indicate ranking preferences for each child you have registered and include their name with their ranking request. All efforts will be made to accommodate your first or second choice, however all assignments will be made on a first come, first assigned basis.

Action Item: Please email your child's ranked preferences to me at salim.abddeen@noaa.gov. Place "13+ Choices" in the subject line.

On behalf of the BCWD committee and the other group coordinators, we're excited about this year's event and are looking forward to meeting all of your kids!

Sincerely,

Salim
Coordinator for 13 and Older

RED TRACK

What's up with Satellites?

Times: 9:00 am to 10:15 am and 10:30 am to 11:45 am

Nina Jackson and Marc Pulliam

75 mins SSMC I Room 8333

The workshop will consist of a brief informational discussion on Satellites and then some hands on activities. Students will build a globe, create a postcard, and do math and science quizzes.

Air- Weather Knowledge

Times: 9:00 am to 10:15 am and 10:30 am to 11:45 am

Jason Taylor

75 mins SSMC I Room 3246

The daily weather is something we all depend on, because it can affect how we plan our days and live our lives. It can even affect our health. How much do you know about it? Test your knowledge against your peers' as you battle to the finish in a competition somewhere between Jeopardy and It's Academic!

BLUE TRACK

Be a TV Weathercaster

Times: 9:00 am to 10:15 am and 10:30 am to 11:45 am

Joan Von Ahn and Marc Kagan

75 mins SSMC II Room 14316

Ever dream of telling millions of TV viewers what the weather will be like in their neighborhood? Test drive a career as a TV weathercaster by doing a weathercast on video! You'll learn from a meteorologist how a weather forecast and weathercast are assembled, and then you'll do your own weathercast on camera! Take your personal VHS tape home to wow your family and friends.

Gateway to NOAA

Times: 9:00 am to 10:15 am and 10:30 am to 11:45 am

Cheryl Oliver and Eric Johnson

75 mins SSMC II Lobby

A look at the Gateway to NOAA is about science, service, and stewardship and the work NOAA does every day on behalf of the nation. It features breathtaking imagery, multimedia presentations, and amazing artifacts that illustrate how NOAA has, since its earliest history, sought to increase people's understanding of the land, the sea, and the sky. There will be narration from a meteorologist, a NOAA Corps Office, and an Exhibit Coordinator.

GREEN TRACK

Ocean Sampling

Times: 9:00 am to 9:55 am, 10:00 am to 10:55 am, and 11:00 am to 11:55 am

Robin Peuser

55 mins SSMC II Room 12246

How many fish, whales, and sea turtles are in the ocean and why do we care? Students will explore sampling strategies for estimating abundance of ocean species through hands-on activities and learn how NOAA uses this information.

Fish Smarts

Times: 9:00 am to 9:55 am, 10:00 am to 10:55 am, and 11:00 am to 11:55 am

Jim McCallum

55 mins SSMC 2 Room 16246

Do you know what a fishery is? Do you know how NOAA is involved in making sure fish populations are healthy? Do you know how to select fish for dinner? Do you know what questions to ask when purchasing fish? After this workshop you will know more than you ever wanted to about how fish get from the ocean to your plate.

NOAA Fisheries Observer Programs: The Observer Challenge

Times: 9:00 am to 9:55 am, 10:00 am to 10:55 am, and 11:00 am to 11:55 am

Samantha Brooke

55 mins SSMC 2 Room 11246

The National Observer Program invites you to an overview of the types of data collected by NOAA Fisheries Observers aboard commercial fishing vessels. The data collected by observers are used to assess the health of fish, marine mammals, sea birds, and sea turtle populations.

Accurately collecting data under pressure is an important part of the job. Think it would be fun to collect data on fish and marine mammals while aboard commercial fishing vessels? Take the “Observer Challenge” and find out! The most accurate and speediest data collector wins a prize!