

Science + Nature Camp



STEAM Summer Camps for Girls

Come explore science and nature on a remote island!

Penikese Island Girls Science + Nature Summer Camps bring middle-school students outside to explore the natural world on Penikese Island. These camps will strengthen girls' confidence in the sciences through fun, hands-on activities with female scientists.

Previous workshops have included: marine biology, aquaculture, bird nesting habitats and behaviors, electronics and robotics, microscopy, landscape painting, scientific illustration, marine debris, and squid & fish dissections.

Find more information at
www.penikese.org/camp

- Open to girls entering 7th & 8th grade in Fall 2022
- 12 campers per session
- Tuition: \$1,200 with scholarships available

Penikese seeks to ensure that all girls admitted can participate regardless of financial resources.

2022 Camp Dates

- Week 1: July 11-16
- Week 2: July 18-23
- Week 3: July 25-30
- Week 4: August 1-6
- Week 5: August 8-13
- Week 6: August 15-20



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Frequently Asked Questions

Where is Penikese?

Penikese Island is located southwest of Cape Cod, at the mouth of Buzzards Bay, not far from Cuttyhunk Island. The boat trip from Woods Hole is 13 miles and takes about 1 hour.

How many campers per week?

Each session has just 12 campers, so everyone will have individualized attention from staff and scientists.

Who is eligible for camp?

Camp is open to girls with an interest in science and nature who will be entering 7th and 8th grades in fall 2022.



What is the Camp schedule?

Monday: Morning tour of scientific institutions in Woods Hole and then head to Penikese after lunch. Monday afternoon includes a tour of the island with some island history.

Tuesday & Thursday: Guest scientists from nearby renowned scientific institutions and local artists arrive and host rotating workshops for campers.

Wednesday & Friday: Campers will use the island as their classroom for science and art activities as well as for traditional fun and games with camp staff.

Saturday: Campers will pack up in the morning and head back to the mainland.

Who owns Penikese?

Penikese Island belongs to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which operates it as a wildlife sanctuary with a focus on providing safe nesting ground for endangered terns and other seabirds. Penikese Island School has state permission to run programs there using the rustic buildings that belong to the School. The island is 75 acres, and is open to the public during daylight hours. During camp, our 11-acre campus remains private to maintain a sense of community.

What is it like on the island?

Island life is rustic and "off the grid," providing a serene and device-free environment. We use kerosene lamps in the evening and the ambient sounds come from nesting birds and the ocean. Campers stay in the second floor communal sleeping area of the house. Healthy meals are provided, with the campers helping to cook and clean up. We have hot and cold running water and composting toilets.

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