



Dear Educator,

Thank you for your interest in the Duke Marine Lab located on Pivers Island in coastal North Carolina. Pivers Island is part of the Newport River estuary and is about 2 km from the ocean via the Beaufort Inlet. Coastal and estuarine species and a variety of habitats (marshes, mudflats, sand flats, beaches, creeks, channels and coastal ocean) are readily accessible by visiting groups. The Duke Marine Lab is ideally situated to take advantage of these unique local marine and estuary environments.

The Duke Marine Lab does not offer guided academic programs for visiting groups but offers its facilities as a platform for outside groups. Many visiting groups explore the local area on our 56' light oceanographic research vessel, the *R/V Susan Hudson*, to dredge and trawl and/or for transport to nearby barrier islands (e.g., Shackleford Banks, Cape Lookout). *The R/V Susan Hudson* can accommodate up to 40 persons for transport or 25 persons for dredge and trawl work (\$150.00 per hour, for details: [www.nicholas.duke.edu/marinelab/facilities/boats/](http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/marinelab/facilities/boats/)). Smaller groups can take advantage of our fleet of skiffs for transport to the Rachel Carson Reserve located on Carrot Island. Historically, Duke Marine Lab graduate students have acted as field guides for a small gratuity (\$60 - \$100) depending on the duration of the trip.

Wet lab space is available for classes and groups and can be covered by our specimen collection permits to collect invertebrates for study. All animal research should be pre-approved through the Duke Marine Lab Animal Care and Use Committee, contact Ed Ladenberger (jedward@duke.edu, 252-504-7594) for details.

Typical daily room/board cost per student is \$48, which includes three meals and a bed. Linen rental is \$13 per person (includes bed linen, pillow, blanket, 2 towels and 2 washcloths). All housing at the Duke Marine Lab is in dormitories with common bathrooms (separated by gender). Private rooms (common baths) are available for an extra charge if space allows. For a complete list of room and board rates, please visit our website: [www.nicholas.duke.edu/marinelab/visit/rate-schedule](http://www.nicholas.duke.edu/marinelab/visit/rate-schedule)

The Duke Marine Lab dining hall provides three meals per day that can be scheduled based on arrival and departure times. Bagged lunches are available by request for field trips. Standard meal times are: breakfast 8 - 9 a.m., lunch 12 - 1 p.m., dinner 5 - 6 p.m. Our staff is happy to cater special functions, outdoor meals, barbecues, clam bakes, etc. (pricing varies with event schedule and menu). Most special dietary needs can be accommodated. Please contact me with specific requests or questions.

While visiting the Duke Marine Lab, we encourage groups to explore other local attractions:

- N.C. National Estuarine Research Reserve - [www.ncnerr.org](http://www.ncnerr.org) - speak with Lori Davis
- N.C. Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores - [www.ncaquariums.com/pks/teachers.htm](http://www.ncaquariums.com/pks/teachers.htm)
- N.C. Maritime Museum - [www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/maritime](http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/maritime)
- Fort Macon State Park - [www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/foma/main.php](http://www.ncparks.gov/Visit/parks/foma/main.php)
- The History Place - [www.thehistoryplace.org](http://www.thehistoryplace.org)
- The Core Sound Waterfowl Museum - [www.coresound.com](http://www.coresound.com)
- National Park Service (manages Cape Lookout National Seashore and Shackleford Banks)- [www.nps.gov/cal/](http://www.nps.gov/cal/)

Please let me know if I can help you with any arrangements.

Best Regards,

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