



Schoodic Education Adventure Frequently Asked Questions

Who can come to the Schoodic Education Adventure (SEA)?

Teachers with their classes of 4th–8th graders can participate in the program, as long as they have attended logistical training. We offer several SEA workshops each year, and special arrangements can be made for additional training times.

What does it cost?

The cost is currently \$50 for a three-day program and \$75 for four-day program (per participant; some chaperones are free, based on group size).

Is financial assistance available?

Scholarships (50–100%) and transportation assistance are available through the L.L.Bean Kids in Acadia initiative. For more information, visit www.nps.gov/acad/forteachers/kidsinacadiascholarships.htm.

What is included in the cost?

Three-Day Program

- 6 meals
- 2 snacks
- 2 nights lodging in heated bunkhouse
- 21–24 hours of curriculum based programming depending upon the programs chosen by teachers

Four-Day Program

- 9 meals
- 3 snacks
- 3 nights lodging in heated bunkhouse
- 32–35 hours of curriculum based programming depending upon the programs chosen by teachers

What are the accommodations like?

Accommodations are located in a bunkhouse-style setting with a bedroom capacity of 4–6 people in each room (2–3 bunk beds/room). Facilities include showers and a small teacher area with microwave, refrigerator, and phone. The bunkhouse is located on a campus with separate dining facilities.

What responsibilities do chaperones and teachers have?

Chaperones assist educators with safety and assist in supervising meals. Teachers maintain discipline of their students at all times, conduct short 30-minute programs (recess and journaling), and conduct a 2.5–3-hour block of instruction related to the SEA visit on day two. A teacher's library of activity kits is maintained to assist with this. The four-day program provides two time blocks for teachers.

When is SEA offered?

The program is offered in the fall from mid-September to mid-November.

How many children can be in our group?

The program is designed for groups of up to 85 children plus chaperones.

What is the staff-to-student ratio?

The SEA program has a staff of nine educators, so the staff-to-student ratio depends on your group size.

What time does SEA begin and end?

In general, programs begin with a 10:00 a.m. arrival. During your stay, breakfast is at 7:00 a.m.; earlier programs are optional. Evening programs conclude between 9:00 and 9:15 p.m. Students leave between 11:30 a.m. and noon on the last day. Arrival and departure times may vary depending on school needs.

Are showers available?

Showers are available in the bunkhouse.

What kinds of meals are served?

Trained cooks, who are certified food handlers, provide well-balanced, kid-friendly meals. With advanced notice, food allergies and most special diets can be accommodated.

What will the students learn?

The SEA program is aligned with Maine State Learning Results and integrated across the curriculum. Opportunities for study include math, social studies, language arts, physical education, science, technology, health, and art. The program combines curriculum-based classroom activities and hands-on field experience taught by both park rangers and teachers. The campus is accessible to shoreline, wetland, and forest ecosystems.

How do I reserve a date?

To attend the Schoodic Education Adventure, teachers should apply the spring before they plan to come (applications are accepted as early as one year prior). The application process is ongoing; however, early birds get the best choice of program dates. Late reservations will be accepted until August or until the schedule is full. Submit the SEA application to the SEA director.

Why do I have to attend a SEA workshop?

The workshops share logistical information to prepare you for your participation—and your students' participation—in SEA.

Can family members come to visit?

Parents can visit their children on campus during meal time, but we do not have the capacity to feed visitors.

Is cell phone service available?

Cell phone service depends upon your carrier, but it gets better every year.

How can I get more information about SEA?

Details about SEA are available on the park website at www.nps.gov/forteachers/seaprogram.htm. For additional information, contact SEA Director Kate Petrie at kate_petrie@nps.gov or 207-288-8808 or 207-288-1312.