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## Fire Island National Seashore News Release

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### Teachers Workshop at Fire Island National Seashore

*Patchogue, NY*— Fire Island National Seashore Superintendent Michael Reynolds announced that the park will be hosting a Teachers Workshop on Saturday, April 28, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The day will start at the Sailors Haven Ferry Terminal, with an orientation to programs and resources available parkwide. Later in the morning, participants will take a ferry trip to Sailors Haven/Sunken Forest, one of the most popular locations for school group visits. At Sailors Haven, workshop attendees will participate in three workshops: a *Sunken Forest Tour*, *Water Quality*, and the *United States Lifesaving Service* programs. Transportation is provided but participants must bring their own bag lunch. The workshop is free, but registration is required. According to Supervisory Park Ranger Irene Rosen, "The goal of the workshop is to assist teachers on what is offered at Fire Island and to welcome them all to use the park as an extension of their classrooms."

This National Park Service unit includes beautiful and ecologically important features such as 26 miles of a barrier island, miles of ocean and bay coastline, natural beaches, maritime forest, and wetlands. The park also includes New York State's only federally designated wilderness area and two significant historical areas. The William Floyd Estate in Mastic Beach, NY is the ancestral home of the family of William Floyd, one of New York's signers of the *Declaration of Independence*. The Fire Island Light Station, built in 1857, still stands as an active aid to navigation guiding ships traveling to New York City and along the east coast. "We look forward to meeting with local teachers and sharing our knowledge of Fire Island National Seashore's resources with them," stated Superintendent Reynolds. "We value the opportunity to help teachers and kids connect with their environment."

For more information, registration or questions, call the Interpretation staff at 631- 687- 4765, or visit the park's web page, [For Teachers](#). For more information about Fire Island National Seashore, visit the park's website at [www.nps.gov/fiis](http://www.nps.gov/fiis).

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