



The Eastern Shore at Its Best June 14-16, 2019

This program aims to connect WC community members to the College in a far deeper and more meaningful way: through a field setting with the vigor of a WC classroom and the experience and wisdom of 20 or so other scholars.

This program is open to all Washington College alumni, parents, and friends. Children 10 years and older welcomed when accompanied by an adult. Please note that this program involves walking and some dexterity. Contact the Program Director for accommodations.

Cost per person: Double \$550; Single \$600

Included: Lodging in private dorm suite, linens, transportation during program, all food and drink (including alcohol), all entry fees, supply bag, and commemorative gift.

Day 1: History

Catered Breakfast- enjoy a hot breakfast, coffee, and more in a gathering room near your dorm suite. The breakfast is an all-you-can-eat buffet.

Sail on the Schooner Sultana

Explore history on the water in an exciting and scenic sailing adventure aboard the Royal Navy Schooner HMS Sultana. The Sultana is a 97-foot replica of a British vessel that patrolled the Chesapeake before the American Revolution. You will experience the rich history and natural beauty of the Chester River with the talented Sultana staff and Professor Adam Goodheart.

You will participate in a wide variety of hands-on activities focusing on colonial and maritime history. Activities will include raising sails, steering the ship, exploring the historic crew quarters, navigating with 18th century instruments, examining primary log books, and firing the vessel's swivel guns. Faculty will also be on board to talk about the history of Chestertown and the Chester River.

Lunch at the Custom House with guided tour

Built in 1746, the Custom House was the residence of Thomas Ringgold, a leader of the local Sons of Liberty who was also – in cruel contrast – one of the most active slave traders in the entire Chesapeake region. The building, overlooking the tidal waters of the Chester River, also served as a warehouse and store, and British redcoats were quartered here during the French and Indian War.

Talk with Adam Goodheart

Hodson Trust-Griswold Director of the Starr Center for The Study of The American Experience Adam Goodheart is a historian, essayist, journalist, and New York Times bestselling author. As a historian who believes that intellectually serious work can speak to wide audiences beyond the academy, Goodheart often seeks intersections between the past and present.

Cocktails at Wide Hall

Widehall, also known as Water Lot #16, is a historic home in Chestertown, Maryland. It is a large, 2 1/2-story, mid-Georgian, brick dwelling house built in 1769 by Thomas Smyth. It later was the home of Robert Wright, Governor of Maryland between 1806 and 1809; and of Ezekiel F. Chambers, State and United States Senator and Judge of the Court of Appeals.

Dinner at the White Swan Tavern

The White Swan Tavern has been a familiar landmark in Chestertown since pre-Revolutionary War days. Just as it was described in the 18th century, the White Swan remains "a comfortable... Public House... with every attention given to render comfort and pleasure to such as favor it with their patronage."

Ghost Walk of Downtown Chestertown

Ghost Walks share some of the odder tales of local lore, including those of murder and mayhem. From the tales of a haunt in the attic of the house where George Washington really did sleep, to the Court House Ghost that made international news a few years ago, guides will walk you through centuries of stories, told against a backdrop of local history.

Day 2: The River

Catered breakfast

Crabbing on working crab boat

Crabbing has been an essential part of the Eastern Shore lifestyle for hundreds of years and now you will get to experience the thrill of the catch! You'll learn how to dip this Eastern Shore delicacy. Teaming up with Eastern Shore native and Washington College alumnus, Brant Nordhoff '07, we will travel to the town of Rock Hall for a morning of crabbing for an once-in-a-lifetime experience!

Lunch at Harbor Shack

Situated on Rock Hall Harbor, Harbor Shack has one of the best views on the harbor, every seat affords you the opportunity of spectacular views and the open-air breezes of the bay.

Cocktail cruise on the Callinectes, WC's research vessel with Oyster Talk & Shucking

At 46 feet long, Callinectes is fully equipped with an array of the latest electronics and environmental instrumentation including trawls, sonar, acoustic seabed classification systems, magnetometers and positioning systems used in mapping and evaluating geological features of the Bay and its tidewaters.

Crab & Oyster Feast at Chester River Waterfront

Eat the bounty you caught that morning! Enjoy the beautiful scenery of the riverfront while listening to music and sharing a cold one over crabs and oysters.

Day 3: The Field

Catered breakfast

Bird banding at WC's River & Field Campus

Spend time with one of the Center for Environment & Society's Field Ecologists banding birds at the Foreman's Branch Bird Observatory, and explore the restored Grasslands.

Guided bus tour of the River & Field Campus

The River and Field Campus at Washington College is the largest conservation easement in the state of Maryland – and there's no place like it in the world. The 4,700-acre living lab incorporates 2.5 miles of Chester River waterfront, meadows, untouched hardwood forests, ponds, grasslands, marshes and riverine habitat.

Forgaging foray with Bill Schindler, Director of the Eastern Shore Food Lab

Under Bill's guidance, embark on a journey that will completely change how you think about your history as a human being, particularly as it relates to the fundamental necessity of finding and preparing food and making the tools needed to hunt and process foods.

Forgaged lunch at the Eastern Shore Food Lab

The Eastern Shore Food Lab (ESFL) is an interdisciplinary research, teaching, and production laboratory dedicated to studying and experimenting with sustainable food systems, using the Eastern Shore food-shed as its primary context.

Frequently Asked Questions

Registration

Who can attend?

Anyone! You do not have to be an alumnus to attend this program. However, children must be 10 years or older and accompanied by an adult.

How do I pay? Can I make payments?

You can register and pay online or send in a check. If paying by check, you must still register online. There is no payment plan, payment must be made in full at the time of registration. Please see below for our refund policy.

Do you provide refunds? What if something comes up?

If a participant is unable to join the program after registering and gives written notice to the Program Director, a full refund will be made if two weeks out from the start date. Anything within two weeks of the start date will be a 50% refund. If the participant fails to notify the Program Director, no refund shall be made.

Do you offer discounts?

The only discount is if you chose a double dorm room instead of a single dorm room. There is no 1782, senior, or alternative discount.

Can I attend for part of the program?

It is up to you how much of the program you would like to attend. However, we do not pro-rate the price based on attendance. We strongly encourage you to let the Program Director know ahead of time if you plan on only attending a portion of the program.

Is my registration payment considered a donation to the College?

No, your registration payment covers costs associated with the program. However, if you would like to make a donation as part of the registration process, there is an opportunity to do so during online checkout.

When can I check in?

Check-in for Eastern Shore is available twice:

Thursday, June 13 7:00-9:00pm

Friday, June 14 7:30-8:30am

Check-in must be made during these times to assure that staff are on hand to give you keys and instructions. If you decide to come Thursday night, your dorm room is already included in the price. This is recommended so you have plenty of time to settle in, unpack, and attend breakfast the next morning.

Housing**Do I need to stay in a dorm room?**

No, you are welcome to make your own accommodation arrangements. However, there is no discount for not utilizing the dorms.

What type of dorm rooms are they?

Participants will all be housed in our Western Shore suites. Each suite has four rooms and two bathrooms with a living room and kitchenette. Each bedroom contains two single beds. [Visit the Residence Life website for a virtual tour and more information.](#)

Do I need to bring linens?

No. Sheets, a blanket, a pillow, and other small amenities are included. However, you will want to bring a towel and any personal items. Please see the packing list for complete instructions.

Can I request who I share a suite with?

Yes, to some extent. We are happy to pair you with anyone you like in your room or in your suite. However, we may need to put others in your suite as well. This is a great opportunity to make some new friends!

Meals & Special Needs**Are all meals provided?**

Yes, your registration payment covers the cost of all meals, gratuities, and alcohol that is part of the program. Anything you would like in addition to that is at your expense. There are refrigerators in all of the dorm suites.

What if I have allergies, health accommodations, or other special circumstances?

Please inform the Program Director of any requests you may need and all effort will be made to accommodate.

What if I have a meal preference (vegetarian/vegan/gluten free/etc.)?

Please let the Program Director know and we will do everything we can to accommodate you.

Transportation

Is transportation provided?

Transportation during the program is provided, however, guests must make their own arrangements to get to campus. If you are having difficulty with this, please speak to the Program Director.

What to Bring

What should I wear/bring for this program?

Once you have registered, a packet with a complete packing list and other instructions will be sent to you.

For other questions, contact the Program Director:

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