



# GROUP RENTALS

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## 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Leadership Weekend (April 28<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 2017)

Dear Group Leader,

You are invited to the **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Cape Cod Sea Camps Leadership Weekend**. It will be held here on the grounds of the Cape Cod Sea Camps from Friday, April 28 to Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The purpose of this weekend remains constant: to give leaders some time “on-Cape” before arriving at a later date with a group and to offer new learning and teaching opportunities about Cape Cod. The weekend is planned to provide you with time with your leadership team, the Cape Cod Sea Camps staff, and other like-minded educators and encourages you to feel more at home here on Cape Cod and at the Cape Cod Sea Camps.

We will begin the weekend Friday night with dinner in our charming dining hall and then gather in the Art Center. **Kellsie Sedlak, Cape Cod Sea Camps Group Manager** will welcome us and explain the plans for the exciting weekend.

Our main speaker on Friday night is **Laura Ludwig, Coordinator of the Marine Debris Project at the Provincetown Center for Coastal Studies**. Laura will be giving us more information about the Marine Debris Project and how they are helping protect and maintain the wildlife off the coasts of Cape Cod. Many of the materials that animals become entangled in are parts of fishing gear left in open water. Laura and her team at the Center for Coastal Studies work with local fishermen to remove debris from the bays and beaches.

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**Peter Trull**, is a Cape Cod naturalist and teacher at Cape Cod Lighthouse Charter School will be our first visit of Saturday morning. He has numerous years of experience educating students about the wildlife on Cape Cod. He will be giving us a nature walk and talk at Nauset beach to start our exciting day off.

**The Atlantic White Shark Conservancy, Chatham Shark Center**, will be our second stop of Saturday morning with a program and tour of their new facility. This amazing facility educates students and adults about the importance of the Atlantic White Shark and the conservation efforts they are making to protect these animals.

<http://www.atlanticwhiteshark.org/chatham-shark-center/>

After visiting the Chatham Shark Center, we will then travel to the **Chatham fish pier**. This is an interesting place to take your students to experience first-hand how the fishing industry is run on Cape Cod. We will get to watch fishing boats come in and out of the harbor.

We will get back to the Cape Cod Sea Camps campus around 1:30 and you will have some time to pursue your own special interests for the afternoon. A cocktail hour is scheduled at 6pm with a special dinner served to us in the Art Center at 6pm.

Saturday night is our main event! It has been 21 years of the Leadership Weekend hosting teachers and more than 40 years since the Cape Cod Sea Camps has started hosting school groups. **Kellsie Sedlak, Cape Cod Sea Camps Group Manager** will be our MC for our dinner and evening presentations.

Our first speaker for Saturday night will be **Shelly Edmundson, PhD candidate at the University of New Hampshire**. She is a Channel Whelk researcher located on Martha's Vineyard. She is going to give us information about her research with the Channel Whelk around the Cape and Islands and also show us her "Conch Cam". It should be a very exciting and fun presentation. For more information about her research: <http://capeandislands.org/post/unlikely-channeled-whelk-coming-soon-your-dinner-table#stream/0>

The second speaker of the night will be **Owen Nichols, from the Center of Coastal studies** in Provincetown. He is the director of the Marine Fisheries Research program. He will be giving us a presentation about the fishing industry on Cape Cod. It will be an interesting lecture about the collaboration between fisherman and scientists beginning to form more and more on Cape Cod.

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Sign up now! Enclosed is the Registration Form. Please respond by **April 7<sup>th</sup>**. Space is LIMITED for this Leadership Weekend and I want to give everyone a fair chance at coming. I will confirm to you when I receive your Registration Form and send more and final details in mid-April. I am available to you for any questions or concerns you may have. Please don't hesitate to contact me. If you know of other teachers who would be interested – kindly pass this invitation along. Feel free to copy it or forward me their contact information or share our website: [www.capecodfieldtrips.com](http://www.capecodfieldtrips.com)

As always, this weekend is free of charge and includes 5 meals, accommodations here on the grounds of the Cape Cod Sea Camps and also all program costs. If you prefer accommodations at a local "B & B" just let me know and I will send you a local directory. Keep in mind that you can be a part of any or all scheduled events. There is no need for you to attend everything or anything though most people who come participant in the whole program. The weekend is meant to be used by you in the way that best suits YOUR needs. I will note, though, that it is VERY HELPFUL to know meal numbers so our chef, Brian Holmes, can prepare properly and efficiently. Remember, too, that things are always subject to change.

Also of note – Cape Cod Sea Camps will provide transportation to the Saturday program.

Along with Kellsie Sedlak and Garran Peterson to speak with, there is our main dining hall staff: Brian, Doug and Sandy Holmes as well as many Cape Cod Sea Camps year round staff –and not to forget the camp dogs! I hope that you can come and be a part of our **21<sup>st</sup> Annual Cape Cod Sea Camps Leadership Weekend!**

Sincerely,

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