

 **SEDGE ISLAND** 
NATURAL RESOURCE EDUCATION CENTER
NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
DIVISION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE 
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Kayak Launch



Sedge Island Natural Resource Education Center

located off of Island Beach State Park



The facility is run by the **NJ Department of Environmental Protection's Division of Fish & Wildlife.**



To get to Sedge Island you must drive through Island Beach State Park.



We will meet at the dock before boarding the boat.



You will board the Sedge Shuttle, and travel 1.2 miles to the island through the Marine Conservation Zone.



The Marine Conservation Zone houses one of the largest osprey nesting colonies on the east coast.



As the boat approaches, you will see three buildings:

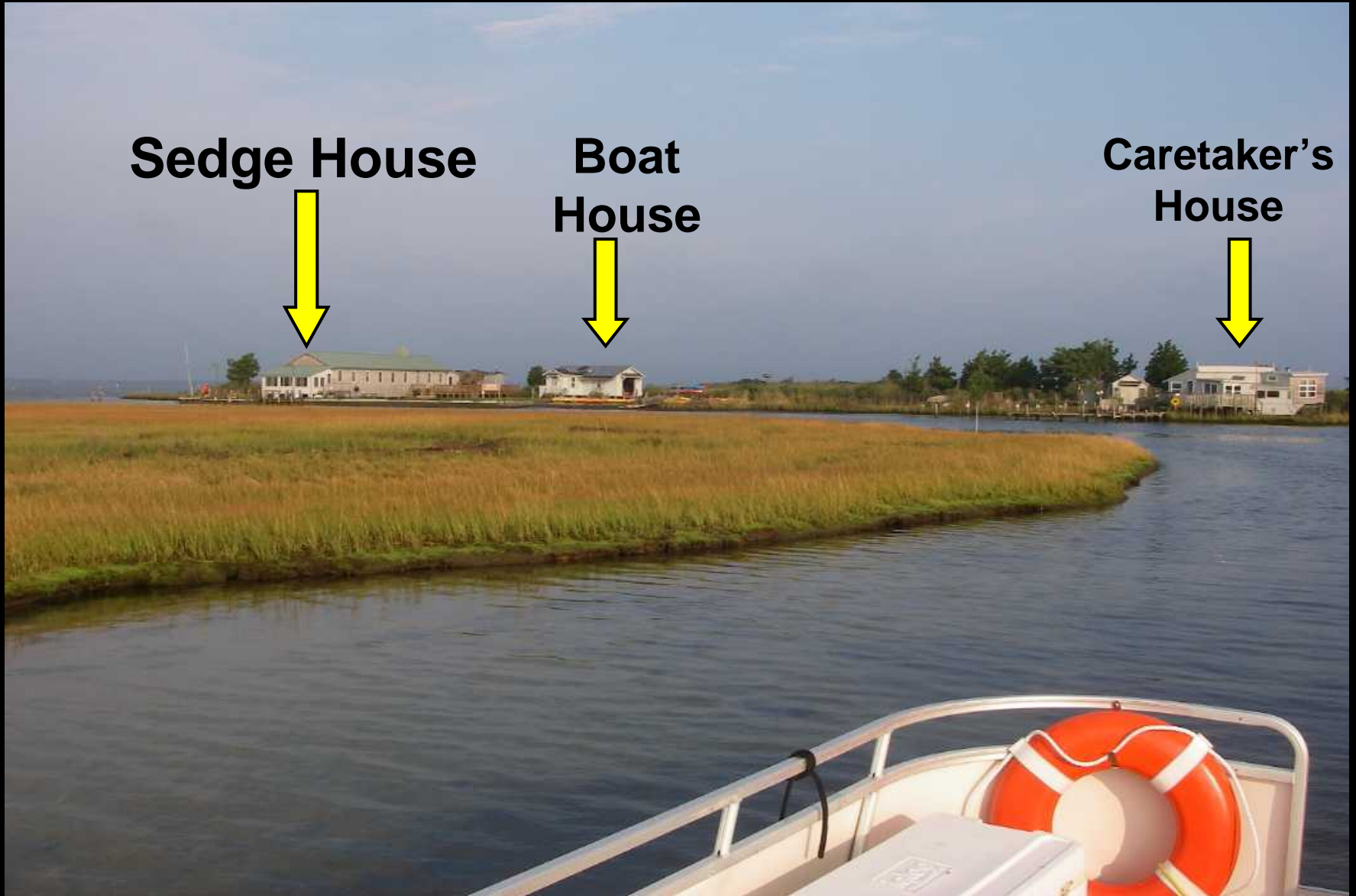
Sedge House



Boat House



Caretaker's House



The Sedge House

This is where you will stay during your time at Sedge.



The South Porch



It is easy to know that you are on the south porch because it faces the lighthouse. Also it overlooks the dock. We eat most of our meals here. We often sit and enjoy the view, and reflect on our experiences in journals.

The Lounge and Research Area



Bedrooms

Fourteen guests can be accommodated in seven bedrooms, including a set of bunk beds, a chair and shelf with hangers.



Washing Area



Two sinks are located between the bedrooms and the dining room.

A small shower room with a sink is also available for washing, though you will probably only get to take 1 or 2 showers.



Did you notice it said only ONE
or TWO showers?



CLIVUS Multrum Composting Toilets



Two CLIVUS Multrum composting toilets are on the Island and compost human waste.

For the next few days the Sedge house
will be your home
so treat it as your own.



We get up early to either fish, enjoy the sunrise or bird watch.



Kayaking is how we will explore the salt marsh.



You don't need any kayaking experience.
We'll go over safety and kayaking techniques.



Our paddle will take us by osprey nests and the peregrine falcon. We'll bring binoculars so we can get a good look without disturbing them.



Several different top biologists in the field will join us during the week to have us take part in some of the research work they do.



Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ's osprey biologist will join us. He may have us help move an osprey platform or band osprey chicks.



NJ Division of Fish & Wildlife
shellfisheries biologists will also join us.



Time will be spent learning about northern diamondback terrapins from Dr. John Wnek.



We will get to explore where and why terrapin nest are moved as part of his research.





Journaling will also be a part of your experience at Sedge.



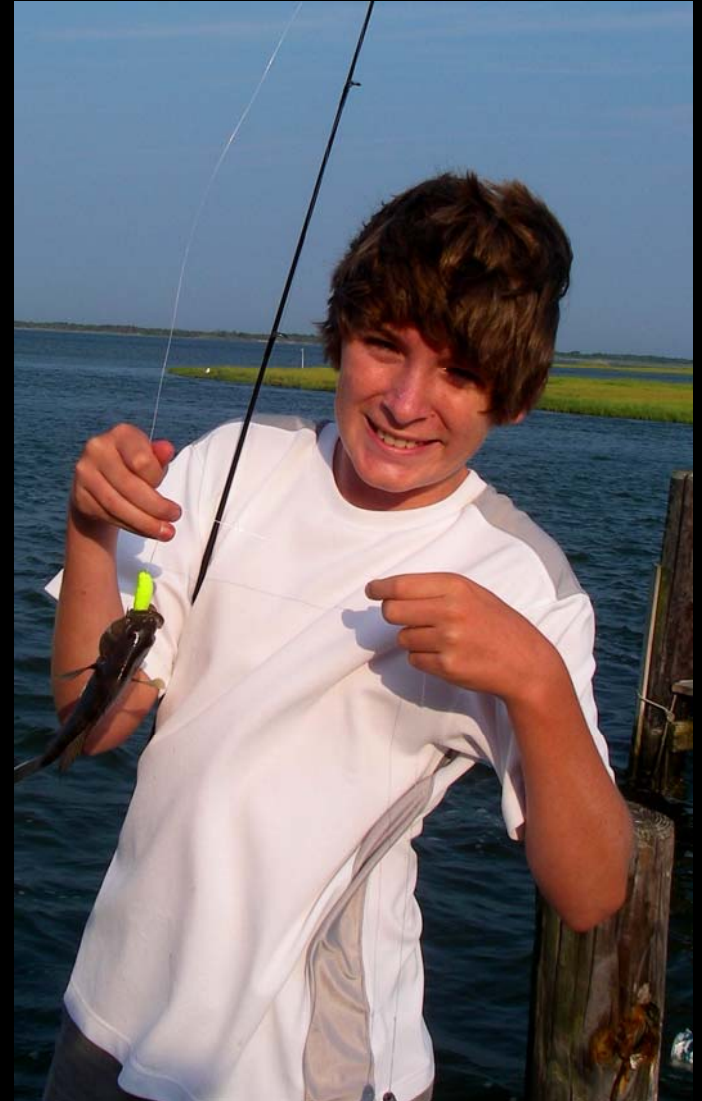
Students will take part in our regular Sedge Island activities where you will get wet and maybe a little muddy.



Activities will include crabbing...



Fishing



Clamming



Water sampling



As we explore the salt marsh we may come across a variety of organisms, such as....



Fiddler Crabs



Horseshoe crabs



Seahorses





Common Sea Star



Night Heron



Oystercatcher



Great Egret



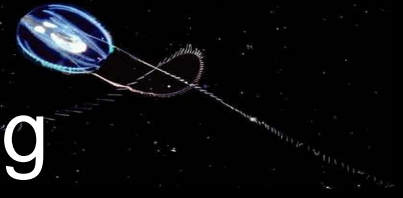
Tern



Evening activities can include night crabbing, music, astronomy, history, storytelling, listening to the bay



and watching for bioluminescing ctenophores off of the dock.



The last day parents are invited to come out to the Island and learn from the students at several different learning stations.



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July 2011



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