



ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS ... FOR A CHANGE
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Environmental Heritage S.E.E.R. Program

Science EDUCATION EXPLORATION RESEARCH

Celebrating 15 Years of Virgin Islands Environmental Heritage Outreach & Promotion • 2003 ~ 2018

APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT – 2018-2019 SESSION

YOUTH NAME:	
Date of Birth:	
School:	
List Three Eco Interests:	1.
	2.
	3.
REQUIRED FOR SELECTION:	Submit with application a 200 to 250 word essay on why you wish to participate and believe yourself a good candidate for the SEER program.
PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME:	
Parent Contact Info:	
Work Phone:	
Cell Phone:	
Home Phone:	
Email:	
Mailing Address:	
ALTERNATE CONTACT NAME:	
Relationship:	
Contact Numbers:	

The 2018-2019 40-week Session begins Saturday, June 23 and Sunday June 24, 2018.

Please select an attendance day: [] SATURDAY or [] SUNDAY

Dear Eco-Youth:

It is our desire to re-introduce you to nature in a way that is fun, dynamic, educational and motivational. It is important to us that you decide what you want to learn in the Eco-system and the best way we can provide you that knowledge. To do this we will introduce you to a wide array of environmental pursuits. You will join with other Eco-youth in action teams and assist each other in achieving your set goals.

As a S.E.E.R. you will have the opportunity to meet and interview environmental movers and shakers; create your own real-world research projects with public reporting to government, science agencies & civic organizations; interact with thousands of species in the Mandahl Bay Beach, Salt Pond and Lagoon APC & Area for Preservation and Restoration; and even learn how to effect social and legislative change in the environment.

A SEER is a survivor both in the wild and in the urban jungle. You will be exposed each session to marine activities such as kayaking, boating, and swimming. Hiking, recycling and agricultural pursuits will require physical fitness and body health. Fun outdoor challenges will teach and test basic tropical island survival skills.

A SEER shares fundamental knowledge and discovery with the desire of spreading an islands-wide awareness of our unique environmental heritage. You will create and circulate a variety of multimedia presentations publicly documenting your activities, research and community activism. SEERs also engage in community service pursuits and receive school Community Service Requirement credits for participation.

We will challenge your intellect and creativity. We will teach you how to observe and discover new things. Foremost, we hope to instill in you a lifelong wonder, curiosity of and respect for nature that can halt the detrimental advance of climate change.



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Dear Parent/Legal Guardian:

Thank you for applying to the ClimateChangeVI.org and Camp Umoja Environmental Heritage S.E.E.R. Program (Science, Education, Exploration and Research) "*Where youth learn and teach S.T.E.M. in Nature*".

Youth in the program will be guided to choose or create what they want to study in the environment and will publish, in educational format, their weekly eco-encounters via nature videos, articles, pictures and project formats using templates we have created.

Your child's interactions will occur in a wilderness setting with small group-sizes supervised by experienced and qualified environmental award-winners and leaders.

Please refer to ClimateChangeVI.org/SEER for our continually updated lists of programs, activities, personnel and program requirements for your child.

In order to engage with your youth for these outdoor recreational and educational sessions we require a parent/legal guardian signature as permission and waiver of liability to engage in environmental activities.

As Parent/Guardian I agree and understand:

- Any outdoor activity has certain inherent risks
- My child must be healthy enough for hiking and physical activity
- There will be shoreline, lagoon and water activities
- There will be contact with flora and fauna
- My child's name and likeness will be used in public reports and presentations documenting their Eco-progress and educating others to the same
- I make not take, for purposes of circulation or distribution, whether public or private, images or videos of sessions or youth involved in sessions
- To disclose any allergies, health or medical conditions that may effect how my child interacts with wilderness
- CUER & CCVI does not dispense or store medication
- My child must be capable and willing to follow all instructions given
- CUER & CCVI has a zero tolerance policy for illegal drug use, under age drinking, discrimination, sexual abuse, violence and bullying
- To hold harmless and free of liability Djabana's Kuumba Camp Ground, Inc. (d/b/a Camp Umoja and the Environmental Rangers), ClimateChangeVI.org, officers, staff and volunteers for damage or loss of personal property and/or injury or death of participant(s); and that any possible incurred liability shall be several from other persons or parties in the organizations.

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date: _____

SEER Participation Checklist

2018-2019 40-Week Session begins Saturday, June 23 and Sunday June 24

Application Deadline: Friday, June 8, 2018

Mandatory Parent-Mentor-Ranger Committee Meeting: Saturday, June 16, 2 pm

We can accommodate 10 youth each day for a maximum of 20 participants.

Applications will be approved based upon merit (Applicant Essay) and first come-first serve basis.

Sessions begin at 9 am and end at 4:00 pm

Child Drop-off starts at 8:30 am, Pick-up ends at 5:00 pm

Dues are \$20 weekly.

REQUIRED

Sunscreen

Drinking Water in Canteen or Refillable Bottle (No glass)

No single-use disposable plastic bottles

Pack a heat-resistant lunch, healthy snacks and a small trash bag

Outdoor wear

Shorts, sleeveless shirts & skirts should be avoided. Do not wear camouflage patterns. If a SEER uniform is provided and/or required, child should wear that. Do not wear jewelry.

Swimwear

Should be age appropriate and non-revealing

Hat or Cap with brim

Sunglasses

Towel

Change of Clothes

Appropriate Outdoor Footwear

(No open-toed shoes, sandals or 'flip-flops')

3 Composition notebooks, Pen, Pencil, Permanent marker & 8-pack of Large Crayons

Medium-duty Backpack

Insect Repellent

We keep mosquito repellent in stock at our studios. However, because repellents can cause adverse reactions in some people, we strongly advise parents to provide their child with their own trusted form of non-allergenic insect repellent. [See cdc.gov/zika/prevention/prevent-mosquito-bites.html for repellent advise]

