



**History, Mystery and Eco-Systems!  
An Outer Banks Itinerary for  
A Student Field Trip**

**Day One**

Afternoon arrival to the Outer Banks of North Carolina

**3:30pm Jockey's Ridge State Park**

View the tallest living sand dunes on the East Coast. Learn how these shifting sands move with the wind at the visitor's center/museum. There are three self-guided trails in the park that discuss the 3 ecosystems of Jockey's Ridge.

Address: 300 Carolista Drive, Nags Head, 27959; 252.441.7132

Check in to an oceanfront hotel



**Evening activity at the Lost Colony Waterside Theatre:**



**Ghosts of The Lost Colony:** The history of our modern America began here...experience it in an entirely new way in this new interactive theatrical experience. Held during the Spring and Fall, this on-demand program takes groups on a guided walking tour of the grounds of the first English Colony in America which is both fun and educational! Astral Plane Investigations, led by nationally renowned paranormal psychologist Trevor Janzen, lead groups in a research expedition of The Waterside Theatre. Learn the mysteries of the island, the history of the colony and perhaps even meet the ghosts of those who lived here.

Contact: Lance Culpepper, *The Lost Colony*, Office: 252 473 2127

Email: [culpepper@thelostcolony.org](mailto:culpepper@thelostcolony.org)

*On-site dinner options also available.*

Address: 1409 National Park Dr. Manteo, 27954



## Day Two



### **9:00 am Jennette's Pier, Nags Head**

This new state-of-the-art, LEED certified, 1,000-foot concrete pier features green technologies like wind turbines. The one-of-a-kind educational ocean pier features educational programs such as alternative energy demonstrations, plankton investigations, creatures of the night, fishing instructions, and how ROVs are used in underwater exploration.

### **Current Programs offered at Pier:**

- **Wonders of Wind:** *In this program students learn how to harness energy from the wind, advantages and disadvantages of wind energy, the importance of clean wind and ideal locations to install wind turbines to maximize energy output. Through construction of their own "turbine" and discussions about alternative energy, participants in this program gain an understanding of how this technology works and its importance for future energy generation.*
- **Solar Science:** *Discover and discuss solar power as an energy resource. Students design, build and evaluate a solar device and discover how solar panels maximize efficiency.*
- **Intertidal Explorations:** *Students discover all the various types of animals that call the intertidal zone home.*
- **Plankton Investigations:** *Students learn how to use scientific instruments and discover the microscopic organisms that are vital to the marine food chain.*
- **Ocean Currents and Upwellings:** *Students discover how convection currents work and why they are important in a marine ecosystem.*
- **Pier Fishing 101:** Learn the basic skills necessary to catch a fish.

Pier Address: 7223 S. Virginia Dare Trail, MP 16.5 Beach Road, Nags Head, 27959;  
Jennette's Pier Education Coordinator: Christin Brown, 252.255.1501

**11:30am** Have Boxed lunches delivered to Jennette's Pier

**1:00pm Bodie Island Lighthouse,** Completed in 1872, this Lighthouse sits on the north side of Oregon Inlet near the northern border of the Cape Hatteras National Seashore. The familiar black and white horizontal striped structure was partly built of materials leftover from the construction of the newest Cape Hatteras Lighthouse. Standing 156 feet tall and equipped with a first-order Fresnel lens, it flashes its 160,000 candlepower beacon 19 miles over the ocean. Free admission to the grounds; minimal fee to climb. Address: 8210 Bodie Island Lighthouse Road Nags Head, 27959, 252.441.5711





**3:00pm Wright Brothers National Memorial** See where on a cold day in December, 1903 Wilbur and Orville Wright changed the world forever as their powered airplane, the “Wright Flyer”, skimmed over the sands of the Outer Banks for 12 seconds before returning to the ground. Programming is every 2 hours starting at 10am. During the off-season, the last program starts at 2pm. *Cost is \$100.00 for the Motorcoach, unless your entrance fee is waived by the National Park Service with a letter from the school on its letterhead with non-profit status.*

Address: 1000 N. Croatan Hwy, MP 7.5 HWY 158, Kill Devil Hills, 27948; 252.441.7430

**6:00pm Dinner at one of our locally owned student friendly restaurants**

**9:00pm Return to your hotel for a DJ and Dance.**

## Day Three



### **8:45am Fort Raleigh National Historic Site**

See Sir Walter Raleigh’s explorers and colonists attempted to found settlements here on the north end of Roanoke Island in 1585. Also located here is the Roanoke Island Freedman’s Colony. The **Freedman’s Colony** is recognized as an historic National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom site. Newly renovated on-site visitor center, interpretive programs, nature trail.

Address: 1401 National Park Drive Manteo, 27954; 252.473.5772

**9:30am Elizabethan Gardens** Stroll through the majestic Gardens, which were designed as a living memorial to Queen Elizabeth and the Lost Colony. The Gardens include a collection of Renaissance statues and Elizabethan style buildings that let you image you are back in the time of Queen Elizabeth I. A scavenger hunt through the Gardens will keep the students engaged and wanting to know more! Prizes are given to the first team who collects all the items on the hunt. Looking for a refreshing program? Students will enjoy a one-hour “minty” adventure searching for and learning all about mint in The Gardens. Students will make mint rubbings and plant mint to take home as well as enjoy mint cookies and mint ice cream. Minty program is an add-on for an additional fee.  
Address: 1141 National Park Drive, Manteo, 27954; 252.473.3234





**11:15am North Carolina Aquarium on Roanoke Island**

Journey through coastal freshwaters to see river otters, turtles, and American alligators. Explore saltwater habitats from grass flats to Gulf Stream waters. Gently stroke a stingray or touch a hermit crab at the touch tanks. Watch fish and sharks cruise by the 35-foot long viewing window of the 285,000-gallon "Graveyard of the Atlantic" tank containing a one-third scale replica of the USS Monitor. Make sure to check out the new interactive exhibit called "Operation Sea Turtle Rescue."

Address: 374 Airport Road Manteo, 27954; 252.473.3494

*Picnic lunch on site at Roanoke Island Festival Park prior to visit.*

**1:00pm Roanoke Island Festival Park** Downtown Historic Manteo

Here you will see the *Elizabeth II*, a 69-foot sailing vessel representative of those sailed to the New World in 1585. Also we will visit the Roanoke Island Adventure Museum and Settlement Site where you can see what life was like for those early explorers as they arrived on Roanoke Island.

Address: 1 Festival Park, Manteo, 27954; 252.475.1500



*Depart the Outer Banks for your homeport!*

The below additional activities and attractions can also be added to the above itineraries:

**Kitty Hawk Kites**, offers a wide array of group activities and group receptive services. From Hang Glide over sand dunes, wild horse safari's, dolphin tours, photo booth rental, rock wall climbing, free stunt kite lessons, kite making workshops, kite boarding, kayak eco-tours and rentals, jet ski rentals and tours, parasailing, dolphin jet boat tours, surfing lessons and more. Kitty Hawk Kites, Bypass, across from Jockey's Ridge Nags Head, 27959 252.441.4124, 877.359.8447; [group\\_sales@kittyhawk.com](mailto:group_sales@kittyhawk.com)

**Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge**, 150,000 acres of wetland habitats and a wide variety of wildlife, ranging from wood ducks and alligators to black bears and red wolves. Plant species, including Atlantic white cedar, bald cypress, wildflowers and shrubs, are abundant. Visitors will find hiking and wildlife trails, observation platforms, fishing areas and kayaking and canoeing routes. Activity: Red Wolf Howlings (only offered on certain days), Guided Tram Tours through the refuge, guide canoe trips  
Address: Milltail Road Manns Harbor, 27953, 252.473.1131

**Island Farm**, living history site interpreting daily life on Roanoke Island in the mid-1800s. Living on the bounty of the surrounding waters while working the land to feed their families, islanders were independent and enterprising. Activity: Children's 19th-Century Toys and Games, Blacksmithing  
Address: Highway 64 Manteo, 27954, 252.473.6500



**UNC Coastal Studies Institute**, offers a variety of engaging K-12 programs that align with the NC Essential Standards, and also relate to the research of scientists at UNC-CSI. These programs are available for any school, and can be scheduled throughout the year. Program contact: David Sybert [dmsybert@csi.northcarolina.edu](mailto:dmsybert@csi.northcarolina.edu);  
Address: 850 NC 345, Wanchese, NC 27981, 252.475.5400

**Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge**, located on the north end of Hatteras Island, the nearly 6,000 acre refuge has a welcome center located seven miles south of Oregon Inlet. Hundreds of species of migrating birds have been spotted within the 13 mile span. From the spring to autumn, a large variety of wading, shore and upland birds can be seen. Activity: Bird Walks, Pea Island Canoe Tour, Birds and Their Adaptations at Pea Island National Wildlife Refuge, Turtle Talk, what's the difference between land and sea turtles  
Phone: 252.987.2394; 252.987.1118

**Nor'Banks Sailing Center**, located just north of Duck, offers group options for stand up paddleboards, kayaking, waverunners, parasailing, sailing competitions. Can also set up friendly competitions as well. Nor'Banks Sailing Center, Address: 1314 Duck Road, Duck, NC 27949, 252.261.2900; <http://www.norbanks.com>

**Currituck Beach Lighthouse at Currituck Heritage Park** Visit the only lighthouse in North Carolina that is still housed in its original structure. Built in 1874 this lighthouse stands 158 feet tall.  
Address: 1101 Corolla Village Road Corolla, 27927, 252.453.8152

**Corolla Outback Adventures**: On our Outer Banks wild horse tours, ride into our "Outback" area past the road's end, traversing several refuge areas and sanctuary sites like the Wild Horse Estates Conservation easement. Along the way we often see a variety of shore birds and other wildlife and of course our Colonial Spanish Mustangs! Learn the history and local lore discovering what makes this wild part of the Outer Banks unlike any other place on earth, interpreted by Corolla's most experienced guide service.  
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