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Chincoteague Island Perfect Destination for Fall Mobile Classrooms

School is in Session

Let Chincoteague Island Be Your Classroom

September 2, 2020: Chincoteague Island, VA - With so many school systems opting for virtual learning for the 2020 Fall Semester and many families choosing to homeschool, your student's classroom has become mobile. High speed internet can make learning fun while the family enjoys some extra days by the seaside. Chincoteague and Assateague Islands have always been a natural classroom brimming with adventure on the miles of trails, along the sandy shorelines of the Atlantic Ocean, or fishing the waters of the surrounding channels. Here are some ideas to enhance your child's curriculum while having an awesome time in the #1 USA Today 10Best Best Coastal Small Town.

SCIENCE & MATH

- Collect shells and study the creatures who lived in them
- Learn about the maritime forest
- Go clamming, crabbing or fishing--learn how from our knowledgeable bait and tackle shops and charterboat captains
- Learn about marine life from an EcoTour guide (boat and kayak)
- Watch a rocket launch carrying cargo to the International Space Station (next Antares launch scheduled for no earlier than September 29, 2020)
- See Aqua Farms where oysters and clams are raised on one of the many boat cruises offered by experienced captains
- Experience fall waterfowl migration (peak around Thanksgiving) on the Atlantic Flyway
- See Monarch Butterflies migrate in September
- Use your allowance to purchase an item in our unique shops and make sure you get the correct change!
- STEM classes and resources available

HISTORY & CULTURE

- See the Chincoteague Wild Ponies and find out how they came to be on this barrier island
- See a fun Horse Show at a nearby farm
- See the Assateague Lighthouse and learn why lighthouses are important
- Learn about Chincoteague and the Delmarva Peninsula's rich histories at area museums
- Take a guided tour of historic downtown or a self-guided tour of the island
- Learn about Misty of Chincoteague with the Misty Trail Map

ENGLISH & READING

- Journal your experience
- Write themed papers for individual classes
- Visit book stores and island library for inspiration and resources
- Read on the beach while listening to the waves

PHYSICAL EDUCATION & RECESS

- Explore nature on a trail riding on a nearby horse farm
- Hike and bike nature trails
- Have fun with go carts, mini golf, bowling and more
- Swim in the Atlantic Ocean (until it gets too cold!)
- Enjoy playground equipment at Veterans Memorial Park

ART

- Visit a decoy carver workshop
- Visit an artist studio or gallery
- Create your own art from your experiences
- Make your own jewelry at a craft shop

ELECTIVES

- Photography opportunities abound
- Delight in coastal cuisine
- Prepare your own meals from the abundance of the sea

Create lesson plans or find ways to enhance an existing school program.

Plan your fall classroom getaway at www.ChincoteagueChamber.com.

Please be aware that due to COVID19, some museums, activities, or visitor centers may not be open. Please call ahead or visit their websites for up to date information before you visit.

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About Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce & Certified Visitor Center

The Chincoteague Chamber of Commerce is an organization whereby many different business interests have joined together in a combined manner to maximize their ability to attract and increase the number of visitors to Chincoteague Island. The ultimate goal of the organization is to communicate the message that Chincoteague, the "Beautiful Land Across the Water," is the most desirable location to visit and/or vacation with family or friends.