

Save the Harbor, Save the Bay

In the past two weeks, Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's All Access Boston Harbor program traveled from South Boston's Bank of America Pavilion and took over 50 kids from Jordan Boys and Girls Club on an adventure to Spectacle Island to learn about the Boston Harbor and its diverse marine ecosystem.

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay offers this free marine education and recreation program to over 4,000 youths and over 130 community groups for all of the Boston neighborhoods and many of the surrounding communities.

The kids and teens get to experience Boston Harbor and the Boston Harbor Islands first hand. For many their first opportunity to visit the Harbor Islands as well as take a ride on a boat and have a fun educational experience.

The participants meet at Save the Harbor's All Access Boston Harbor dockside and listen to stories from maritime historian David Coffin. He teaches the youth about the Harbor's past and future. The kids then hop on the Virginia C. II for a narrated cruise to either Georges or Spectacle Island.

On Georges Island the youngsters get to explore Fort Warren, a Civil War-era fort with eerie tunnels, real cannons and the haunted parade ground. Save the Harbor's marine educators also lead beach walks and scavenger hunts for critters such as Asian Shore Crabs, Green Crabs, and Peri-

winkles, while teaching the young people about what it takes for these creatures to survive in a tidal habitat.

The Spectacle Island trip has a curriculum that is geared towards traditional seaside recreational activities like swimming, hiking, kite flying and fishing. Kids can fly kites, swim on the beach (staffed with a Department of Conservation and Recreation lifeguard), or can go for a hike around the island with our marine educators.

Whether chasing crabs on the shore on Georges Island or floating in the waters off Spectacle Island, youth participants in All Access Boston Harbor walk away with an experience that will stay with them for a lifetime.

"We are so glad to give this opportunity to the kids of Boston as well as the organizations we partner with, said Save the Harbor President Patricia Foley, "We are exposing them to a whole new world of opportunities."

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Children from Jordan Boys and Girls Club at the Bank of America Pavilion in South Boston as they arrive for an educational day trip to the Boston Harbor Islands.

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About Save the Harbor/Save the Bay

Save the Harbor/Save the Bay is a non-profit, public interest, environmental advocacy organization, whose mis-

sion is to restore and protect Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Bay, and the marine environment and share them with the public for everyone to enjoy. Since the launch of "All Access" in 2000 the organization has connected 42,000 kids to the Boston Harbor.