



Cow Island Environmental Leadership Program (CELP)



CELP is a three week outdoor adventure for high school students that explores elements of what it means to be an environmental leader. The innovative CELP curriculum is divided equally between environmental leadership education, recreation and community service. Students are accepted by application only: www.rippleffectmaine.org or email info@rippleffect.net

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What is Rippleffect?

Rippleffect is a non-profit organization that offers experiential education and outdoor adventure programming from our Cow Island campus in Casco Bay. We are a passionate group of educators who believe that hands-on education in outdoor classrooms is fundamental for healthy youth development. We offer multiple day and overnight programs for youth throughout the summer and school year.

What is CELP?

This 12-day outdoor adventure for high school students explores elements of what it means to be an environmental leader through active community service, community field trips and environmental stewardship. CELP culminates in a four-day sea kayak expedition where students volunteer their time to improve the islands of Casco Bay. This program is open to current 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students. Students have the opportunity to earn documented community service hours through this program.

What will daily life look like at CELP?

During the first half of the program students get to know one another while living, working and playing on Cow Island. CELP students will get to know Cow Island's ecosystems and Rippleffect's sustainability practices by being directly involved in the management of Cow Island's garden and composting systems. CELP students visit Portland's EcoMaine facility, teach Rippleffect's younger students to get excited about gardening, play on Cow Island's zip line and climbing wall, and identify their own leadership strengths. Toward the end of the program CELP students travel the Maine Coast on a four-day sea kayak expedition to improve the islands of Casco Bay. Students live in rustic tents or yurts while on Cow Island. Toilet facilities consist of solar-powered toilets. There are no showers on Cow, although evening swims and paddling sessions provide a fun alternative!

Who is eligible to apply?

CELP is open to current 8th-11th grade students who would like to learn more about themselves as leaders, are interested in living and learning in the outdoors, and are excited to meet new people and try new things. No prior outdoor experience is necessary to participate in CELP!

How do I get in?

Students are accepted by application only. All applications are due by June 1, 2018 but this is a first come, first served application process, so early applicants have the advantage!

How much does it cost?

This program is funded in part by grants, which allows Rippleffect to offer this program on a sliding scale between \$500-\$1,245. The full cost for each student is \$1,245.00 and families pledge to pay an amount on this scale that works for them. Full scholarships are available upon request.

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