

Flax Pond Summer Research Institute

- a five (5)-day, intensive, research internship program conducted at the Flax Pond Lab as well as in the salt marsh of Flax Pond and West Meadow Beach
- working with academic marine scientists, students and adults gather scientific data to document changes in the marsh each year, providing participants an opportunity to learn about the importance of maintaining our estuarine ecosystems
- sponsored jointly by the Friends of Flax Pond, Stony Brook University, the Town of Brookhaven Environmental Education Department and the NY State Department of Environmental Conservation and the Long Island Sound Study

The 2012 program, which runs from July 9th through July 13th, includes a species inventory of Flax Pond, Juvenile Horseshoe Crab Study, and a Salt Marsh Cover Study. The inventory surveys will include documentation of all types of flora and fauna found in the Flax Pond salt marsh and a comparison with the neighboring salt marsh at West Meadow Beach and Preserve.

Over a period of several years, in each of the studies, we have been able to detect trends which serve as indicators of the health of the marsh ecosystem. In particular, these indicators are of relevance to Stony Brook University and the NYS Department of Environmental Conservation who jointly manage Flax Pond and make decisions about species protection and public access.

If you would like to be part of this important work, click and submit the appropriate application below **no later than June 8th**. It is preferred that you submit your application by e-mail, but if you are mailing it to our post office box, please notify us by e-mailing: ngrant@flaxpondfriends.org Enrollment in the Summer Institute is limited to 20 people, including high school students and community members. You will be notified within a week if you are accepted. Once enrollment reaches our maximum, enrollment will be closed, which could be before June 8th. At that point you will be placed on a waiting list. For students, please note--questions regarding interests, science background, etc., are included to help us prepare for a diverse group of students.

General [Citizen Scientist Application \(for participants over 21\)](#) (The codes on these are switched the general application is connected to the student link and the general ap comes up for the students)

[Student Application \(entering grade 9 through age 21\)](#)

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