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Beat the heat and discover your park



Save the Harbor will host six free trips to Spectacle Island for kids and families in August.

This summer has been a record breaker, with temperatures soaring into the 90's beginning on Memorial Day. Greater Boston's youth development and community groups looking for creative ways to keep cool have turned to Save the Harbor/Save the Bay's free youth environmental education programs for relief in record numbers.

To help the region's families beat the heat and explore and enjoy the Boston Harbor Islands State and National Park, Save the Harbor is opening up space on 6 free All Access Boston Harbor trips to Spectacle Island for kids and families this August.

These free island adventures will take place on August 16, 17, and 18, and again on August 23, 24, and 25 aboard Bay State Cruise Company's Provincetown II, which boards at 10:15 for a 10:30 departure from the World Trade Center dock and returns at 3:00. (Reservations are required. Please see below for details.) "With a wonderful island park and some of the cleanest urban beaches in the nation, Boston Harbor is a spectacular urban natural resource for the region's kids and families," said Patty Foley, President of the Boston based harbor advocacy organization, which is celebrating its 30th Anniversary this year. "Sharing them

with the public with free events and programs is at the heart of our mission and a key to our policy success."

Save the Harbor runs free youth and beach programs that will connect 30,000 youth and teens from scores of area youth development and community organizations to Boston Harbor and the Boston Harbor Island State and National Park this summer. They also provide free programs at 8 sites on Boston Harbor and at 70 free Better Beaches Program events on the region's public beaches with the support of DCR. Save the Harbor's All Access Boston Harbor program offers free trips to the Boston Harbor Islands for youth development and community groups three days each week during July and August aboard Bay State Cruise Company's flagship Provincetown II, which can easily accommodate 500 passengers. If you would like to arrange a trip for your group, please email gaylord@savetheharbor.org

Their Boston Harbor Explorers @ DCR's Carson Beach offers youth development and community groups free environmental exploration, youth enrichment and healthy outdoor activities including aquatics, fishing and clamming, kayak and paddleboard lessons, Arts on the Shore and Storytelling by the Sea at the McCormack Bathhouse at DCR's Carson Beach in South Boston. If you would like to arrange a field trip for your group to the cleanest urban beach in the nation, visit <http://www.blog.savetheharbor.org/2016/06/boston-harbor-explorers-dcrs-carson.html>

To reserve space for your free trip to Spectacle Island, please send your name, contact number, the day you plan to join us and the number of spaces you would like to reserve to gaylord@savetheharbor.org. You will receive an email confirming your reservations. Please note that a parent or adult guardian must accompany all youth and teens.

For more information about Save the Harbor/Save the Bay visit www.savetheharbor.org or follow savetheharbor on Facebook and Twitter