

Destination EducationSM

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Students participate in the Oyster Education Program aboard Watermark®'s Harbor Queen.

**Destination EducationSM by Watermark[®] Partners with
the Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park to Support the Oyster Education Program**

(Annapolis, MD) – Destination EducationSM by Watermark[®] is excited to support and partner with the Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park for its Oyster Education Program (OEP). The OEP combines environmental science and maritime history providing hands-on learning and immersive field experiences for the 6th grade students from six local middle schools: Annapolis, Bates, MacArthur, Magothy River, Meade, and Severn River Middle Schools. The program begins with two in-classroom sessions during which students learn about oyster anatomy through model building and dissection and have the opportunity to speak with a local Chesapeake Bay waterman. The program culminates in a boat ride field trip to a local sanctuary oyster reef to plant baby oysters.

Beginning with the first outing of the year on March 27th, Destination EducationSM by Watermark[®] is supporting the OEP by providing a vessel for the larger school groups. "Two of Watermark's core pillars are Youth Education and Going Green, so we were thrilled when the opportunity to support this incredible program presented itself," said Jake Iversen, Watermark President. "We strive to make our mark on our community whenever possible, and what better way to do it than sharing the Chesapeake with local students."

"We value and appreciate the partnership with Watermark which helps our students create important and hopefully life-long connections to the Chesapeake Bay." stated Alice Estrada, President/CEO of Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park.

This year, the program is expected to reach 1,500 6th grade students!

Photo Enclosed: Photo courtesy of the Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park.

About the Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park: The Annapolis Maritime Museum & Park is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to educating students and adults on the area's rich maritime heritage and the ecology of the Chesapeake Bay. The Museum partners with community groups, government entities, and other likeminded organizations to deliver high-quality educational initiatives and programs on subjects ranging from history and culture to the environment and good stewardship practices.

About Watermark: Watermark immerses people in the history, culture and fun of the Chesapeake area more completely than any other tour or charter company. Whether you want to learn or just enjoy, no one else offers so many ways to experience this special place, both by land and by water. Watermark® an Annapolis-based, locally owned and operated business, has been creating authentic experiences since 1972. Watermark sub-brands include Annapolis Tours® by Watermark®, offering the original Annapolis colonial tours; Cruises on the Bay™ by Watermark®, with the easiest way to have fun on the water; Yacht Charters on the Bay™ by Watermark®, and Wedding on the Bay™ by Watermark®, offer flawless events on pristine yachts; Destination Education™ by Watermark®, gives teachers the most engaging way to immerse their students in history. For a complete list of walking tours, sightseeing cruises, yacht charters and services offered by Watermark visit www.watermarkjourney.com.

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