

Education Outreach.

APALACHICOLA NATIONAL ESTUARINE RESEARCH RESERVE

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- The education department teaches people from here and other places about our estuary and oysters, like the way they are harvested, times of the year best to consume them, and all the animals living and making this place their home.
- We learned that many things make their home in our bay, many things I have never even heard of! They also teach of new things about the oyster business I never would have known.
- The experience with ANNER has really opened my eyes to whole very interesting field of biology I wish to partake in!!



What we did!!

-The oyster activity:

They were given a cluster of oysters to “dissect” and discover all the organisms that live on and around oysters

They documented which organisms they found and observed them under the field microscope

- The netting activity:

We took a net and pulled in small fish to show them all the different species of fish, shrimp, and jellies in our bay.



◎ My job was to help all the children break open their oyster clump and to help them name the type of creatures living there.



I also helped when they were in the water to explain anything they had questions about.



They enjoyed our water activities. They were a little sheepish about the fish, but as soon as they realized fish could cause them no harm, they dove right in.



What we did... Continued.

What I did!

The kids loved getting to look at all the interesting things we found in our oysters.



The influence on me.

- This experience has had a great influence on me career wise.
- I have always wanted to go into some type of biology, and now I most certainly plan on going into marine biology.
- This experience has sparked my interest and has given me a huge curiosity for marine life research.
- I enjoyed experiencing the different jobs related to marine biology.