Westport River Watershed Alliance
Watershed Discovery Programs
Summer Scholarship Opportunities

The Westport River Watershed Alliance provides week-long, science programs along the Westport River for children ages 5-12 years. Thanks to the Gay Gillespie Scholarship Fund, we are able to offer full and partial scholarships to families who reside in the towns that make up the Westport River Watershed including:

Westport, Dartmouth, Fall River, and Freetown in MA
Tiverton and Little Compton in RI

Scholarships are provided on a first come, first serve basis while funding is available. To qualify for financial-based scholarships, families must **make 80% or less than the *state median income range**. **Families who make 60% or less will automatically qualify for full scholarships.**

Family Size	State Median Income (80%) Automatically qualifies for partial scholarship (possibly full)	State Median Income (60%) Automatically qualifies for full scholarship
2	$ 85,777	$ 64,333
3	$ 105,960	$ 79,470
4	$ 126,444	$ 94,608
5	$ 146,326	$ 109,745
6	$166,509	$ 124,882

Don't qualify financially? We make exceptions!

Ensuring the summer Watershed Discovery Programs are accessible to ALL families is a priority for us.

We encourage families who need support to reach out. Just some examples of need include:

- You have **multiple children** and want to provide summer opportunities for all of them.
- Your family is experiencing **financial hardship** due to unexpected expenses.
- Your family is faced with **extenuating circumstances** that would prevent your child from attending.

Questions? Please contact Kim Botelho, Education Director at wep@wrwa.com or 508-636-3016 ext. 1006. **All applications will be kept confidential and only reviewed by the Education Director.**

To apply:

1. Complete the application and email it to Kim at wep@wrwa.com along with one of the following (for financial-based scholarships only): a school letter indicating your child financially qualifies for free or reduced lunches **OR** your 2024 income tax page showing your adjusted gross income. **If you prefer not to email financial documents, you can also arrange a time to meet Kim at the office to show her. We only look at these and do not keep a record in our files.**
2. Once the application is received, Kim will provide a **discount code to use during the registration process**. NOTE: You must have your code before registering. Refunds will not be provided.

Summer Scholarship Application

Provided by the Gay Gillespie Scholarship Fund

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ Zip code: _____ Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Child's/Sibling's Name(s):_____

Age(s) and Birthday(s):

_____

Type of scholarship you are requesting:

Full Partial If partial, how much do you hope to receive? _____

From the list below, please identify the session and dates you hope your child(ren) will attend?

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2026 Summer Watershed Discovery Programs
Full details available at https://www.westportwatershed.org/summer-program

Beachcombers, Ages 5-6
June 22-26, July 20-24
8:50 a.m. - 12 p.m.
$225

Coastal Explorers, Ages 7-9
June 29 - July 3, July 27 - 31, August 10-14
8:50 a.m. - 1 p.m.
$265

River Rangers, Ages 5-9
July 6-10
8:50 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
$260

River Edventures, Ages 10-12
July 13-17, August 3-7
8:50 a.m. – 1 p.m.
$275