

## Media Advisory

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### CCE Marine Program Launches Digital Education Program

In response to community need for at home learning resources in these uncertain times, CCE Marine Program has launched a new Digital Education Initiative. Each week will focus in on one specific species or topic and will present a variety of media pieces and corresponding worksheets, lesson guides, and art tutorials that can be utilized by anyone looking to integrate some marine science enrichment into their current home learning routine.

CCE Marine Program has dedicated pages within their website to house all of the content created and it is accessible for free to anyone to use. "We feel it's so important at this time to stay connected with our community and continue working to help in any way we can. Education is a huge part of our mission and it's our hope that this new initiative will be helpful in these times," Chris Pickerell, CCE Marine Program Director.

Topics covered thus far include ospreys and the alewives and upcoming topics will feature a focus on clams, seahorses, horseshoe crabs, and water quality. "Our team of educators are working hard to develop content that can be adapted for used by a K-12 audience. Learning tools can be integrated into curriculum by teachers, or utilized as enrichment resources for parents currently homeschooling their children," notes CCE Marine Program Outreach Manager Kimberly Barbour.

The Digital Education resources can also be enjoyed by the general public just looking to learn a little more about our marine environment and our local species. Videos featuring "moments in nature" have been developed to help people connect with the outdoors while staying at home, and unique video content collected over CCE Marine Program's 35 years of working in support of our marine environment provides unique perspectives and opportunities to explore the natural world while at home. The resources also feature fun activities including picture searches, crossword puzzles, and coloring pages. For anyone seeking to channel their inner artist and get creative, weekly "ArtSEA with CCE" tutorials lead by local artist and CCE Art + Science instructor Carolyn Munaco are available. These tutorials feature drawing instruction, collage assembly and other projects utilizing materials most households likely have on hand.

We encourage everyone to visit the CCE Marine Digital Education website, <http://ccesuffolk.org/marine/digital-education-initiative-1> and also follow along on social media for content updates and interactive learning opportunities with CCE's educators and experts. Follow CCE Marine on YouTube, Facebook and Instagram @ccemarineprogram and use #ccemarinedigitaled and #artseawithcce to get in on the digital learning fun as we all try to make the most of time spent at home!

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