



Plastic Tides Summer Program Standup Paddle Adventure-Conservation Camp

For ages 13-17



Program Leader, Plastic Tides Co-founder, and Lansing/Cornell alumni Christian Shaw paddling on Cayuga Lake during a fall 2014 research expedition

Includes Exciting 2-night SUP Expedition on Cayuga Lake!

Overview:

This 7-day program is based on the principles of the environmental organization *Plastic Tides* (www.plastictides.org). We combine adventure and science through SUP research expeditions to raise awareness about plastic pollution. Our research efforts are paired with a professional media strategy to inform public opinion and effect positive social change. In this program students become *Plastic Tides* ambassadors during a weeklong experiential learning opportunity as they gain the skills necessary for SUP based conservation. Campers develop expedition-planning skills to design their own trip. Following the program students have the opportunity to continue with **Plastic Tides as Junior Ambassadors**, who in 2015 worked with local lawmakers to **BAN THE BEAD**, helping enact legislation to keep plastic microbeads from cosmetics out of our precious local waterways!

Information

Location: Myers Park

Session 1: Mon. July 18th- Sun. 24th

Session 2: Mon. Aug 15th - Sun. 21st

Time: 9am – 4:30pm (plus Fri & Sat overnight)

Price: Early Bird **\$450** before June 20th

Regular - **\$525** (includes paddling gear and backpacking food for a 3 day/2 night research expedition on Cayuga Lake, and lab supplies/access)

APPLY NOW

Only 10 spots per session

Hands on research experience for college applicants in collaboration with Cornell University and the NYS Water Resources Institute

Expeditionary Skills:

- Become a competent paddler with the ability to paddle long distances for expeditions, master multiple strokes navigate, and perform self or assisted rescues.
- Assess and interpret current weather conditions and local forecasting
- List the steps to carry out a SUP expedition (planning, packing, etc.)

Research Skills:

- Classify and describe the basic ecology of Cayuga Lake: includes identifying invasive species and explaining how the ecosystem is negatively impacted by plastic.
- Demonstrate how to take manta trawl surface samples with a standup paddleboard

Activism Skills:

- Develop social media strategies to implement effective messaging against plastic pollution and provide solutions
- Demonstrate the ability to work closely with a cohesive team and develop group oriented strategies to strive toward challenging goals on and off the water

There is an application process. Please visit www.paddlenmore.com/plastic-tides/ to obtain an application. Any questions, please contact Paddle-N-More's Camp Director and co-founder of Plastic Tides, Christian Shaw at christian@plastictides.org.