The **Georgia Coastal Ecosystems Long Term Ecological Research** Program (GCE-LTER) is an NSF-sponsored project that studies how long-term changes caused by climate change, sea level rise, and human alterations of the landscape affect coastal ecosystems. The **GCE Schoolyard Program** provides critical in-service training for K-12 educators in field ecology, immersing science and math teachers in hands-on research activities in the field to enable them to bring lessons and actual research data back to the classroom. Since 2009 the Schoolyard Program has been run collaboratively with the UGA Marine Extension Service.

The 2015 summer workshop will run from **July 11-18**. This year's workshop will be based at the UGA Marine Institute on Sapelo Island. Teachers split their time between doing research alongside GCE scientists and graduate students and discussing ways to implement the information into their classrooms.

Expenses for the actual program (room and board) are covered by a grant to the GCE LTER from the National Science Foundation. A $100 deposit is required for registration and returned at the completion of the week. A $100 stipend will also be received upon successful completion of the workshop.

For more information, please visit the GCE Schoolyard Program website: [http://gce-schoolyard.uga.edu/schoolyard/overview.htm](http://gce-schoolyard.uga.edu/schoolyard/overview.htm) or contact Venetia Butler at [gceschyd@uga.edu](mailto:gceschyd@uga.edu)
Application for the GCE LTER Schoolyard program
July 11-18, 2015
http://gce-schoolyard.uga.edu/schoolyard/overview.htm

Name: ______________________________________ E-mail: _____________________

Home Address: __________________________________________________________________________________

Home phone: ___________ Cell phone: _______________ Work Phone: ______________

Number of years teaching experience (including current year): _____

Are you currently a teacher? _____ If yes, School Name: ____________________________

School Location: City & County: ________________________________

Grade(s) and Subject(s) you teach: ______________________________

Have you participated in the Schoolyard program before? : ______ If yes, how many years:_____

What is your current educational status?: ____________________________________________

Do you intend to take this workshop for PLU credit?: _____ (If yes, please bring required paperwork from your District with you to the workshop. GCE LTER Schoolyard does not supply the paperwork.)

Please submit a brief (1-2 page) essay that describes your experience as a teacher and what you would expect to gain from this professional development experience. If you are a returning participant, please describe how you transferred your experiences to the classroom and the benefit of continued participation.

Send completed applications and $100 deposit to Venetia Butler, GCE-LTER Schoolyard Coordinator, 151 South Campbell Avenue, Tybee Island, GA 31328. Applications can also be e-mailed to gceschyd@uga.edu.