



How is IIT Adapting its' Educational Programs?

It is reassuring to know that even in the current, ever-changing state of the world, IIT continues to uphold its environmental education commitment and engage the community in fun, wonder and stewardship in our island home.

Island Explorations 2020

IIT's Island Explorations program is being delivered to the Islesboro community in a different format for the summer of 2020, but still holds most of the fun and learning that made it a part of Islesboro's summer for over 30 years.

By using the online program, Flipgrid, designed specifically for pre-K and early education learners, IIT brings the fun of its trails and preserves directly to our 3-6 year-old explorers. Choosing to offer Island Explorations in this format encourages young children to still get out and explore IIT preserves, but in a time and fashion that is safe and comfortable for each individual family. It also provides access to children and parents who are unable to make it to Islesboro this season, due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Still being able to participate and interact with IIT and Islesboro, those explorers who are not on the island can expand their understanding of what their local land trust might have to offer.

Island Explorations continues to provide a seven-week-long, once a week, program. Bringing back the familiar faces of Miss Chloe and Counselor Lucas, and engaging kids in an ongoing theme (this summer's theme being Insects, Arachnids and Creepy-Crawlers), IIT is able to bring continuity to young learners while adapting to a pandemic world.

Ten individuals signed up for Island Explorations this year. IIT also made it accessible to the Islesboro Preschool, who are learning in place this season. This brings the total outreach to about twenty children. A small cross-section of Islesboro's youth, but it includes year-round island residents, folks from the summer community and even children who are viewing the fun from across the country!



IIT Trail Treasury



We all have our favorite trails and preserves, but how many can say that they have hiked ALL of IIT's ten trails in one season? This is a fun way for the whole family to get to see Islesboro through an IIT lens, while searching for clues specific to the ecological & conservation importance of each trail system. Simply contact Chloe Joule at iitcjoule@gmail.com or (207) 734-6907 to pick up your passport and trail map

or to learn more about it.

IIT Adult Nature Walk & Talks

Though IIT discontinued its' Adult Nature Walk & Talks for the Summer of 2020, we are working on how to safely adapt them for the Fall - Spring Season! We will be kicking off Fall with a Harvest Festival, highlighting local, Islesboro food, on Saturday, September 19th. This will be followed by a series of Educational Adult Walk & Talks, brought to you by experts in their field and accessed by anyone at our website: islesboroislandstrust.org. Keep your eyes peeled for more information! Contact Chloe Joule at iitcjoule@gmail.com or (207) 734-6907 with any questions.

