

300+

students have attended the BODA MEC since 2017

50

students/chaperones can win this incredible opportunity THIS YEAR

94%

of students felt confident in their ability to identify Caymanian species after the MEC

100%

of students learned something new about the ocean or marine life

100%

of chaperones would recommend this programme



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# WILL YOUR SCHOOL WIN THE 2024 ECO-WARRIOR CHALLENGE?

GOVERNMENT SCHOOL YEAR 5 & 6 CLASSES CAN WIN A MARINE ECOLOGY COURSE AT THE CENTRAL CARIBBEAN MARINE INSTITUTE (CCMI)!



## WHAT IS THE MARINE ECOLOGY COURSE (MEC)?

The MEC is more than a three-day field trip - it's a powerful educational experience that empowers the next generation to understand and appreciate the ecological significance of our marine ecosystems. Guided by our team of marine experts, students explore the pristine reefs of Little Cayman. The course covers tropical marine biology, ecology and conservation through immersive activities such as snorkelling, species identification, beach cleanups, field trips, lionfish dissections, a range of interactive classes, and much more!

Thanks to The BODA Charitable Star Trust and Dart, two classes from government primary schools will be selected to receive this incredible experience at no cost to them.

Complete CCMI's application form and submit to [education@reefresearch.org](mailto:education@reefresearch.org) before Friday 4th October 2024.



*"The marine education scholarship at CCMI is exceptional. The team at CCMI not only educates students, but they also evoke a genuine emotional response, which is inspiring. The programme's impact on our Year 6 students was profound."*

*Rachel Klein, chaperone, Edna Moyle Primary School*



# CCMI'S ECO-WARRIOR CHALLENGE:

## MAKE A CHANGE, WIN AN ADVENTURE!

Following the hottest summer on record, inspiring the next generation to combat climate change has never been more crucial. CCMI challenges all Year 5 & 6 government school classes to rise to the occasion and make change in their schools and the wider Cayman community.

Empower your students to take impactful action that aids our environment. The class demonstrating the most significant positive impact will be awarded an all-expense-paid journey to CCMI's MEC. There, they'll gain in-depth knowledge about our vital marine environment and the importance of safeguarding it.

Join us as we strive to make a difference today for tomorrow's Cayman.

### TO ENTER

Complete CCMI's short MEC scholarship application form and email to [education@reefresearch.org](mailto:education@reefresearch.org) by Friday, 4th October 2024.

#### COMPLETE THE ECO-WARRIOR CHALLENGE!

1. Assemble your class and brainstorm actionable environmental initiatives you could implement in your school or across Cayman. Put your plan into action. Whether it's writing compelling letters to the government, designing educational posters, setting up a petition, leading a beach clean-up, or any impactful action that aids our environment, we want to see your students take positive action for the environment.

2. Capture your initiative's progress and impact through photos, videos, and written accounts. This evidence will be crucial in demonstrating your class's dedication to environmental stewardship. Submit your documented environmental action along with the application to [education@reefresearch.org](mailto:education@reefresearch.org).

### Quotes from past MEC participants

"It was my best experience because i got to go snorkelling (which was my first time) in the ocean and learn about marine life and how to protect it."

-Annique, 2023 student

"Amazing experience! I wish I could stay I've learned so much and it was so fun, also I can now help the environment more. This was the best 3 days of my life! I hope to come again when I'm 13 and I wanna work here when I grow up."

- Charlotte, 2022 student

"Witnessing the students' eyes light up with wonder and fascination as they explored their marine environment was an absolute privilege."

-Rachel Klein,

2022 & 2023 chaperone  
Edna Moyle Primary School



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The BODA  
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DART

FOR MAKING THIS  
OPPORTUNITY POSSIBLE





## CCMI'S SCHOLARSHIP MARINE ECOLOGY COURSE (MEC) APPLICATION FORM 2024:

Email submissions to [education@reefresearch.org](mailto:education@reefresearch.org) no later than Friday, 4th October 2024.

For help with ideas, inspiration, or questions, feel free to email us as well.

Name of school:

Grade/Year:

Number of students in class/club:                      Boys:                      Girls:

Teacher's name:

Teacher's email address:

Please submit your paragraph below (use additional space if necessary):

*Please note all submitted entries and their content may be published and shared publicly on platforms including, but not limited to, CCMI's social media accounts, CCMI's website, and press releases to local media outlets.*