



July 8-13, 2012

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 2012 summer workshop will run from July 8-13, 2012. This year's workshop will be based at the UGA Marine Institute on Sapelo Island. The program immerses science and math teachers in hands-on research activities alongside GCE scientists and graduate students. Teachers split their time between doing research and discussing ways to implement the information into their classrooms. PLU credit can be facilitated for in-service teachers and graduate credit may be able to be earned as well.

Expenses for the actual program (room and board) are covered by a grant to the GCE LTER from the National Science Foundation. There is a \$100 deposit required for registration, and a \$100 stipend available upon successful completion of the workshop.

For more information, please visit the GCE Schoolyard Program website at <http://gce-lter.marsci.uga.edu/> or email venetiabutler@bellsouth.net