



MAKE A SPLASH AT CMA'S MARINE SCIENCE SUMMER CAMPS!

FOR AGES 5-18 • JUNE 1 – AUGUST 7, 2026



- ★ Hands-on marine science experiences
- ★ Snorkeling, boating & kayaking excursions
- ★ Learn from marine biologists & animal care experts
- ★ Fun, educational, & unforgettable!



CLEARWATER
MARINE AQUARIUM.

DIVE INTO A SUMMER OF FUN WITH...

CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM'S MARINE SCIENCE SUMMER CAMPS!

Make a splash this summer with Clearwater Marine Aquarium's Marine Science Summer Camps—where education meets real-world exploration! Each week-long camp is packed with hands-on activities, exciting animal encounters, and unforgettable experiences designed to inspire the next generation of ocean advocates. Campers will explore Florida's coastal ecosystems through activities that may include snorkeling in seagrass beds, kayaking through estuaries, and discovering marine life in its natural habitat—all depending on camp theme and age group. Campers will also get to know our resident animals while learning about marine biology, conservation, and animal care.

All camps are led by trained instructors and supported by college interns. For camps that include snorkeling, boats are supervised by U.S. Coast Guard-certified captains. Snorkeling experience is not required, and all snorkeling occurs in water shallow enough for campers to stand. **Important: All campers must be able to swim to enroll in Clearwater Marine Aquarium camps.**

Join us for a summer of science and fun at Clearwater Marine Aquarium!

2026 CAMP REGISTRATION DATES

Early Access for Active CMA Members: January 12, 2026

General Registration Opens: January 19, 2026

**EXCLUSIVE EARLY REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER CAMPS IS OPEN TO ALL CMA MEMBERSHIPS.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THE MEMBER CAMP DISCOUNT IS NOT APPLICABLE TO THE "OCEAN EXPLORER" MEMBERSHIP LEVEL.**



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IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Camp Supervisor Team – Office: 727-441-1790 x 2270

Camp Supervisor Team – Cell Phone: 727-409-6290

Please note: This phone is only monitored from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM during the summer camp season.

Camp Supervisor Team Email: camps@cmaquarium.org

GENERAL CAMP INFORMATION

CAMP TIMES

- Each camp is a 5-day program, scheduled Monday through Friday of the chosen week.
 - Morning camp sessions operate from 8:30 am to 11:30 am.
 - Afternoon camp sessions run from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
- For a full-day camp experience, you have the option to purchase both morning and afternoon sessions in the same week (8:30 am to 4:00 pm).
- Advanced Marine Biology, Ecosystem Advocates, Field Investigation, and Animal Care 101 are full-day camps, running from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

CAMP PRICES

Prices vary by camp and can be found under each camp description. Camp discount pricing for active members is not available for the "Ocean Explorer" Membership Level; however, all CMA members are eligible for the early registration period. To receive the camp discount, make sure you are signed into your CMA member account when registering. The discount will automatically apply if your membership level qualifies. Please note that you must be an active member at the time of registration; discounts cannot be applied retroactively if you become a member after registering for camp.

REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- Space is limited, and camps fill up quickly. Register for summer camps online at cmaquarium.org.
 - No email, in-person, or phone reservations will be accepted.
- CMA's Marine Science Camp and Marine Academy Camp are designed for participants aged 5 to 18. To join, campers must be a minimum of 5 years old, have completed Kindergarten, and be no older than 18—currently in high school or having graduated within the most recent semester when their camp begins.
 - For Advanced Marine Biology, campers must be 15 years old by the day their camp begins. Age verification may be requested prior to the first day of camp.
- Campers must be comfortable in the water and possess basic swimming skills; however, they do not need to be advanced swimmers. All campers must also be self-sufficient—able to use the restroom and change their clothing independently.
- Campers must be registered for a camp that aligns with their age. Clearwater Marine Aquarium reserves the right to cancel or modify any registration that does not match the camper's age and reassign them to the appropriate age group, if space allows.
- During the enrollment process, complete the registration form in full. A receipt will be emailed upon completing your reservation. Save and print the receipt to bring it with you on the first day of camp.

CAMPER AGE GROUP COLOR KEY

The following pages use this color key to indicate camper age groups.



*Campers who are 18 years old must have completed their senior year of high school in the semester immediately preceding the summer in order to attend camp. Advanced Marine Biology campers **MUST** be 15 to participate in the Discover Scuba session at a local dive shop.

GETTING READY FOR CAMP

WHAT YOU SHOULD PACK

- **Snack & Water Bottle:** Pack a peanut-free & tree-nut-free snack each day. Send a refillable water bottle to keep your camper hydrated. Please avoid soda or carbonated beverages, as they may cause discomfort in the heat. Water or sports drinks are recommended.
- **Lunch:** If your camper is enrolled in Lunch Bunch, both morning and afternoon sessions, or a full-day camp, please send a peanut-free & tree nut-free lunch unless you've purchased a catered lunch. Lunches will be stored at room temperature with no access to refrigeration or microwaves. Please pack non-perishable items.
- **Backpack:** Campers should bring a backpack each day to carry personal items such as:
 - Snorkel gear (mask & snorkel)
 - Towel
 - Closed-toe water shoes (required for water activities)
 - Change of clothes (including undergarments)
 - Sunscreen, hat, and insect repellent
- **Attire:** Campers should arrive dressed in a swimsuit under their camp T-shirt and bottoms each day. While campers may wear any comfortable shoes throughout the day, closed-toe water shoes are required for kayaking, snorkeling, and select field trips. These protect feet from sharp objects under the water.
 - **Campers without closed-toe water shoes will not be allowed in the water. CMA does not sell water shoes—please come prepared.**
- **Optional: Camera or Cell Phone:** Campers are welcome to bring a camera or phone to capture memories. Staff will not take photos during activities like snorkeling, kayaking, or classroom time, as their focus is supervision and safety. Staff may assist campers in taking photos if time and conditions allow.

WHAT WE PROVIDE

Once you've packed the essentials, we'll take care of the rest. We provide:

- One complimentary CMA camp T-shirt per camper
- Snorkel vests for all snorkeling activities
- All kayaking gear (kayaks, paddles, and life jackets)
- Transportation to and from field trip locations*

**Advanced Marine Biology Camp may have camper pick-up at the SCUBA shop depending on dive class availability.*



SUMMER SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

AGE	WEEK 1 JUNE 1-JUNE 5	WEEK 2 JUNE 8-JUNE 12	WEEK 3 JUNE 15-JUNE 19	WEEK 4 JUNE 22-JUNE 26	WEEK 5 JUNE 29-JULY 3
AGES 5-7	Mini Marine Biologist 8:30 am - 11:30 am Aqua Artists 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Show & Shell 8:30 am - 11:30 am Explorers of the Sea 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Mini Marine Biologist 8:30 am - 11:30 am Fur & Fins 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Mythical Manatees 8:30 am - 11:30 am Aqua Artists 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm	Show & Shell 8:30 am - 11:30 am Explorers of the Sea 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
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MARINE SCIENCE CAMP

MORNING CAMPS FOR AGES 5-7

MINI MARINE BIOLOGISTS Get ready for a fun week of learning all about sea animals and how scientists study the ocean. In this exciting camp, you'll get to:

- Go on two snorkeling adventures to search for tiny sea creatures in Clearwater Bay—just like a real marine biologist!
- Take part in fun games and hands-on activities to learn about ocean plants & animals.
- Learn about our resident animals at the aquarium and discover what they can teach us about life in the sea!

Offered Mornings: June 1–5 • June 15–19 • July 6–10 • July 27–31

Price: \$250, \$230 for members

MYTHICAL MANATEES Let's learn all about manatees—Florida's gentle giants! In this fun and exciting camp, you'll:

- Go on two snorkeling adventures to explore the estuaries where manatees live.
- Learn about CMA's Manatee Rehab Center to see how CMA's Rescue Team helps manatees that are hurt or sick.
- Discover fun facts about what manatees eat, how they're like mermaids, and how we can keep them safe!

Offered Mornings: June 22–26 • July 20–24 • August 3–7

Price: \$250, \$230 for members

SHOW & SHELL Get ready to show and "shell" all about amazing invertebrates in this camp! Campers will dive into fun and learning as they explore the ocean and share what they discover.

- Go on two snorkeling adventures in a real estuary to search for invertebrate animals.
- Get hands-on with our discovery tank, full of creatures like sea stars, crabs, and sea urchins.
- Create your own sea animal crafts and learn fun facts to share with your family and friends!

Offered Mornings: June 8–12 • June 29–July 3 • July 13–17

Price: \$250, \$230 for members



SNORKELING DURING CAMP? DON'T FORGET:

- Swimsuit
- Mask & Snorkel
- Closed-Toe Water Shoes
- Towel
- Sunscreen



MARINE SCIENCE CAMP

AFTERNOON CAMPS FOR AGES 5-7

AQUA ARTISTS Calling all aspiring artists! Dive into a colorful underwater world full of amazing sights and sounds. In this creative camp, you'll:

- Go on two snorkeling adventures to spot bright colors and patterns in nature.
- Learn how sea animals use color, sound, and movement to stay safe and be seen.
- Make your own ocean-inspired art to take home and show off your creativity!

Offered Afternoons: June 1–5 • June 22–26 • July 20–24

Price: \$250, \$230 for members

EXPLORERS OF THE SEA Ahoy, ocean adventurers! Set sail on a week of fun as you search for treasure and learn about sea life!

- Go on two snorkeling adventures and search for "treasures" hidden in the sand!
- Follow your own "treasure map" during a weeklong scavenger hunt around the aquarium.
- Discover the rescue stories of our resident animals and explore our real-life marine animal hospital.

Offered Afternoons: June 8–12 • June 29–July 3 • July 13–17 • July 27–31

Price: \$250, \$230 for members

FUR & FINS Fins, fur, and fun—oh my! Join us for an exciting week all about marine mammals! From dolphins to otters to whales, you'll discover what makes each of these amazing animals so special.

- Splash into two snorkeling adventures to explore Clearwater Bay, the natural home of many marine animals
- Explore the aquarium and take part in fun activities to learn how we care for marine mammals
- Learn how to tell the difference between whales, dolphins, and otters, and become a marine mammal expert by the end of the week!

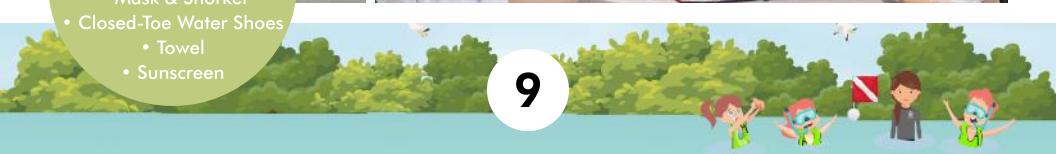
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MARINE SCIENCE CAMP

MORNING CAMPS FOR AGES 8-9

FLIPPERS, FLUKES, & FEATHERS Does your favorite animal have flippers, flukes, or feathers? If so, this camp is for you! Dive into the amazing world of animal adaptations and how different species survive in the wild.

- Head out on two snorkeling adventures in Clearwater Bay to search for animals that are just like the ones at CMA.
- Explore and compare the anatomy and adaptations of dolphins, sea turtles, and pelicans through hands-on lessons.
- Discover how animals move, swim, and fly as you investigate the cool ways they travel through their environments!

Offered Mornings: June 8–12 • July 6–10 • July 27–31

Price: \$250, \$230 for members

HELPING HANDS Do you want to help save marine animals when you grow up? Join us for a week of rescue adventures and hands-on fun! Learn what it's like to be part of Clearwater Marine Aquarium's real Rescue Team and how we care for animals in need.

- Enjoy two snorkeling trips in Clearwater Bay and explore the environment we work to protect every day!
- Take part in mock rescue missions, like helping a stranded dolphin or designing a habitat for an otter to recover.
- Discover how our team responds to emergencies and cares for animals like sea turtles, dolphins, and more.

Please note that campers will not have any direct physical contact with live resident, rescue, or rehabilitation animals for camper and animal safety.

Offered Mornings: June 15–19 • June 29–July 3 • July 20–24 • August 3–7

Price: \$250, \$230 for members

SEA SPIES Ready to become a Sea Spy? Join our team of ocean agents as we uncover the hidden secrets of animals that use spy-like skills to survive in the wild!

- Go on two snorkeling missions to search for "secret agents" of the sea in their natural habitat.
- Investigate how sea creatures use camouflage, stealth, and special senses through fun experiments, games, and puzzles.
- Take on exciting challenges and make awesome summer memories while learning about the ocean's most mysterious animals!

Offered Mornings: June 1–5 • June 22–26 • July 13–17

Price: \$250, \$230 for members



SNORKELING DURING CAMP? DON'T FORGET:

- Swimsuit
- Mask & Snorkel
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 - Towel
 - Sunscreen



MARINE SCIENCE CAMP

AFTERNOON CAMPS FOR AGES 8-9

DOLPHINS DAYS Love dolphins? This camp is for you! Spend the week getting to know the amazing dolphins that call Clearwater Marine Aquarium home and dive into what makes them so special.

- Go on two snorkeling adventures to explore the natural habitat where dolphins live.
- Learn how our animal care team works with dolphins using daily training and care.
- Take part in a dolphin enrichment activity through our underwater viewing windows and see how we help keep their minds and bodies active!

Offered Afternoons: June 1–5 • June 22–26 • July 20–24 • August 3–7

Price: \$250, \$230 for members

UNDERSEA ADVENTURERS Get ready for a journey! Travel from the shallow shorelines to the deepest parts of the ocean as you explore the amazing animals that live at every level of the sea.

- Go on two snorkeling adventures in the intertidal zone of Clearwater Bay and see what lives where the ocean meets the land.
- Learn how the ocean is divided into zones and how animals survive in each one—even in the darkest depths.
- Watch CMA's Dive Team in action and discover how humans explore the ocean too!

Offered Afternoons: June 15–19 • July 6–10 • July 27–31

Price: \$250, \$230 for members

SUPERHEROES OF THE SEA Meet the real superheroes of the sea! From super speed to powerful senses, ocean animals have incredible abilities that help them survive—and you'll get to explore them all!

- Head out on two snorkeling adventures to search for marine animals with their own underwater superpowers!
- Discover the fastest, strongest, and smartest sea creatures by learning about their body parts and amazing adaptations.
- Visit CMA's real-life ocean heroes, watch their incredible superpowers in action, and design your very own superhero sea creature crafts to take home!

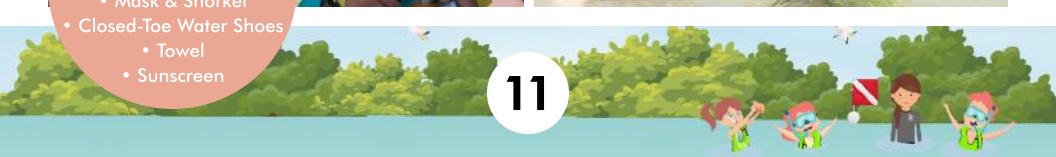
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MARINE SCIENCE CAMP

MORNING CAMPS FOR AGES 10-11

ADAPTING ADVENTURES Think you have what it takes to survive the sea? Join us for an action-packed week as we explore how ocean animals use their brains, strength, and survival skills to thrive in the wild!

- Take on challenges like two snorkeling excursions and a kayak adventure (no experience needed!) as you explore real marine habitats.
- Discover the incredible adaptations that help animals outsmart predators, hunt for food, and blend into their surroundings.
- Compete in various activities and test your knowledge of ocean survival—just like the animals do every day!

Offered Mornings: June 8–12 • June 22–26 • July 6–10 • July 20–24 • August 3–7

Price: \$250, \$230 for members

ALL ABOUT DOLPHINS Dive into the world of dolphins! If you're fascinated by these intelligent marine mammals, this camp is made for you. Spend the week exploring what makes dolphins so unique—from their anatomy and behavior to their role in ocean ecosystems around the globe.

- Go on two snorkeling adventures to explore the natural habitat of wild dolphins in Clearwater Bay.
- Take part in hands-on experiences like a mock dolphin stranding and observe real dolphin behavior during a special enrichment session.
- Learn how bottlenose dolphins, rough-toothed dolphins, and other species compare as you explore the amazing diversity within the dolphin family.

Offered Mornings: June 1–5 • June 15–19 • July 13–17 • July 27–31

Price: \$250, \$230 for members

JR. ANIMAL ENCOUNTER Get up close with CMA's rescued residents! If you've ever wondered what it's like to care for marine animals, this camp gives you a behind-the-scenes look at how we do it every day.

- Take part in enrichment activities designed for some of CMA's amazing animals.
- Visit our food preparation area and meet the biologists who create diets for fish, sea turtles, dolphins, and more.
- Explore how our animal care team works with rescued dolphins through an interactive poolside experience.

Please note: This camp does not include any snorkeling sessions. Interactions subject to change due to animal availability. Photos are not guaranteed and are sold separately.

Offered Mornings: June 1–5 • June 29–July 3 • July 27–31

Price: \$280, \$260 for members



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MARINE SCIENCE CAMP

AFTERNOON CAMPS FOR AGES 10-11

JR. MARINE BIOLOGIST Future marine biologist in the making? This camp is perfect for curious minds who want to explore the ocean like a scientist! Dive into the tools and topics marine biologists use every day to study life in the sea.

- Head out on two snorkeling adventures and a kayaking trip (no experience needed!) to explore local estuaries and observe marine life up close.
- Investigate ocean life through hands-on experiments in animal behavior, water chemistry, and marine ecosystems.
- Take a field trip to a nearby nature park and discover the plants and animals that make up Florida's coastal habitats.

Offered Afternoons: June 1–5 • June 15–19 • July 6–10 • July 20–24 • August 3–7

Price: \$250, \$230 for members

MARINE MYSTERIES Ready to solve ocean mysteries? Join us for an adventure where science and discovery come together to uncover the truth behind ocean myths!

- Explore the estuary on two snorkeling trips, a living underwater classroom full of incredible marine life!
- Put your detective skills to the test with hands-on experiments that challenge popular ocean myths.
- Work as a team to investigate, test, and solve marine mysteries, unlocking the amazing secrets of the sea!

Offered Afternoons: June 8–12 • June 22–26 • July 13–17 • July 27–31

Price: \$250, \$230 for members

OCEAN WARRIOR Become an Ocean Warrior and join us on an exciting adventure to learn about the challenges marine animals face and discover how you can help protect our oceans!

- Explore the waters on two snorkeling trips and a kayaking trip (no experience needed!) while discovering ways to protect Clearwater Bay.
- Meet a biologist and learn how Clearwater Marine Aquarium cares for ocean animals and their habitats.
- Take part in hands-on activities that show how small actions can make a big difference for marine life and their homes!

Offered Afternoons: June 29–July 3 • July 20–24 • August 3–7

Price: \$250, \$230 for members



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MARINE ACADEMY CAMP

FULL-DAY CAMPS FOR AGES 12-14

ANIMAL CARE 101 Interested in exploring marine life rescue and care as a future career? Join us for a full-day camp at Clearwater Marine Aquarium and:

- Embark on four snorkeling trips in Clearwater Bay's estuary, searching for wild dolphins in their natural habitat.
- Get hands-on experience working with mock samples to learn about animal pathology and how our Animal Health Team collects samples during husbandry sessions.
- Collaborate with your team to treat a "patient" and recommend the best care plan—just like our veterinary professionals!

Please note that campers will not have any direct physical contact with live resident, rescue, or rehabilitation animals for the safety of both campers and animals.

Offered Full Days: June 1-5 • June 22-26 • July 6-10 • July 27-31

Price: \$450, \$405 members

ECOSYSTEM ADVOCATES Join the next generation of conservationists! Take part in a full-day adventure exploring Florida's incredible coastal ecosystems through hands-on learning and real-world experiences.

- Discover the principles of ecology and biodiversity as you go on one snorkeling trip in a vibrant estuary and one kayaking excursion (no experience needed) along the mangroves.
- Go on three engaging field trips to experience Florida's coastal habitats up close and learn how to make environmentally responsible choices
- Apply your new knowledge to become an ecosystem advocate, ready to protect and speak up for the natural world around you!

Offered Full Days: June 15-19 • July 13-17

Price: \$465, \$420 for members



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MARINE ACADEMY CAMP

HALF-DAY CAMPS FOR AGES 12-14

ANIMAL ENCOUNTER Get an inside look into marine animal care at CMA! This immersive experience gives campers a behind-the-scenes perspective on what it takes to care for CMA's resident animals and the science involved in daily animal husbandry.

- Participate in animal enrichment activities to learn how we support the welfare of our resident animals.
- Tour CMA's food preparation area to see how specialized diets are created for dolphins, sea turtles, fish, and more.
- Join the animal care team poolside during a dolphin session to explore how we maintain the physical and mental well-being of marine mammals.

Please note: This camp does not include any snorkeling sessions. Interactions subject to change due to animal availability. Photos are not guaranteed and are sold separately.

Offered Mornings: June 8–12 • July 20–24 • August 3–7

Price: \$280, \$260 for members

MARINE ZOOLOGY Explore the biology, behavior, and adaptations of marine animals in this engaging introduction to marine zoology. From invertebrates to vertebrates, climb the phylogenetic tree and discover what makes each group unique.

- Experience one snorkeling excursion and one guided kayaking adventure (no experience necessary) to observe marine life in its natural habitat.
- Participate in a squid dissection to investigate internal and external anatomy firsthand
- Visit CMA's rescued resident animals and examine how zoological knowledge supports their care.
- Travel to a local environmental education center to deepen your understanding of Florida's coastal ecosystems.

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Price: \$250, \$230 for members

DEEP SEA SCIENTISTS Uncover the mysteries of the deep sea and the scientific innovations that have helped researchers explore Earth's most extreme environment.

- Compare life in the deep sea with marine life in Clearwater Bay during two snorkeling excursions and one guided kayak trip (no experience necessary).
- Investigate the incredible adaptations that help deep-sea creatures survive in cold, dark, high-pressure habitats.
- Learn about the tools, technologies, and techniques used by oceanographers to study the deep ocean.
- Draw connections between deep-sea species and CMA's rescued residents, examining how the environment shapes animal biology.

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MARINE ACADEMY CAMP

FULL DAY CAMPS FOR AGES 15-18

ADVANCED MARINE BIOLOGY Ready to take the next step toward a future in marine science? This full-day immersive program is designed for those who are interested in pursuing marine biology in college or as a career.

- Build a foundation in marine biology through hands-on labs, ecological surveys, and field research techniques used by professionals in the field.
- Learn about estuarine environments through three snorkeling excursions and one guided kayak trip (no experience necessary).
- Visit Clearwater Marine Aquarium's marine animal hospital and a nearby coastal preserve to explore real-world applications of marine science.
- Get a taste of diving during a Discover Scuba* session at a local dive shop using professional scuba gear!

*Please note that campers will not have any direct physical contact with live resident, rescue, or rehabilitation animals for the safety of both campers and animals. *Campers MUST be 15 to participate in the Discover Scuba session.*

Offered Full Days: June 1–5 • June 22–26 • July 13–17 • July 27–31

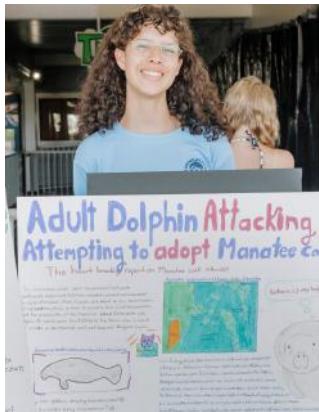
Price: \$480, \$435 members

FIELD INVESTIGATION Want to get your feet wet in the field of research? This full-day program introduces aspiring scientists to the tools, techniques, and communication skills used in professional field research.

- Strengthen your fieldwork skills during a snorkeling trip and a kayak excursion (no experience necessary) as you practice scientific sampling in an estuary environment.
- Participate in three immersive field trips to various ecosystems, applying hands-on data collection techniques used by professional researchers to analyze environmental conditions and biodiversity.
- Build your science communication abilities by presenting your findings to the public, gaining confidence while learning how to share environmental science with broader audiences

Offered Full Days: June 8–12 • June 29–July 3 • July 20–24

Price: \$465, \$420 members



SNORKELING OR KAYAKING DURING CAMP? DON'T FORGET:

- Swimsuit
- Mask & Snorkel
- Closed-Toe Water Shoes
- Towel
- Sunscreen





MARINE ACADEMY CAMP

HALF-DAY CAMPS FOR AGES 15-18

MARINE LIFE RESCUE Think you've got what it takes to join a marine rescue team in the future? Get an inside look at what it's like to respond to marine life in crisis during this hands-on, action-packed camp inspired by real rescue missions.

- Learn how the CMA Rescue Team members care for animals like dolphins, sea turtles, and manatees.
- Take part in field adventures, including a snorkeling trip, a kayaking excursion (no experience needed!), and a visit to a bird rescue center.
- Participate in a dogfish dissection to understand how necropsies help scientists uncover causes of illness or injury in marine animals.
- Explore marine anatomy and physiology while learning how research, data collection, and teamwork play a vital role in protecting ocean wildlife.

Please note that campers will not have any direct physical contact with live resident, rescue, or rehabilitation animals for the safety of both campers and animals

Offered Mornings: June 15–19 • July 6–10 • August 3–7

Price: \$250, \$230 for members

CAREER WAYFINDERS Ready to chart your course toward a future in marine science, animal care, or conservation? Explore daily operations, connect with industry professionals, and take part in hands-on activities that will inspire your next steps—whether it's college, an internship, or your first job on the water.

- Get experience with careers on the water during one snorkeling session and a kayaking excursion (no experience needed!) to explore marine habitats.
- Connect with industry professionals and learn from experts in research, animal care, and guest engagement.
- Build career readiness skills through team challenges, public speaking, and exposure to the professional world of marine science!

Please note that campers will not have any direct physical contact with live resident, rescue, or rehabilitation animals for the safety of both campers and animals

Offered Afternoons: June 8–12 • June 15–19 • July 6–10 • August 3–7

Price: \$250, \$230 for members



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REGISTRATION ADD-ON ITEMS

CAMP T-SHIRTS

Camps can get messy, so please make sure your camper wears camp-appropriate clothing along with their camp shirt each day. Additional shirts can be purchased during registration. All complimentary and purchased shirts will be distributed at Monday check-in for each camp program.

Price: \$22 + tax

CAMP GEAR PACKS

Missing some essentials for your summer camp adventure? Camp Gear Packs are available for purchase when registering online and include everything your camper needs:

- CMA drawstring bag
- Mask and snorkel set
- A towel
- A reusable water bottle
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen

All Camp Gear Packs purchased during registration will be distributed at Monday check-in for each camp program. *Items are subject to change.*

Price: \$70 + tax

LUNCH BUNCH

Need a little extra time between camp sessions? Lunch Bunch is a supervised mid-day break for campers to eat lunch—campers must bring their own lunch or pre-purchase a catered option during registration. Please note: Lunch Bunch is automatically included for campers enrolled in both a morning and afternoon session during the same week, or for those participating in a full-day camp program.

- Morning Campers with Lunch Bunch: Pick-up is between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM
- Afternoon Campers with Lunch Bunch: Drop-off is between 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM

Price: \$25

CATERED LUNCHES

Catered lunches are available for campers enrolled in both morning and afternoon sessions within the same week, full-day camps, or the Lunch Bunch. Each catered lunch includes an entrée, side, drink, and dessert. The weekly entree menu* includes:

- Monday – Turkey & Cheese Sandwich
- Tuesday – Cheeseburger
- Wednesday – Pizza
- Thursday – Chicken Tenders
- Friday – Corn Dog Nuggets

Lunches must be purchased for the entire week in advance; single-day purchases are not available.

Additional food is not available for purchase at camp beyond the pre-paid catered option. We are unable to accommodate special dietary requests for catered lunches. If your child has dietary restrictions, we strongly recommend packing a lunch and snacks from home. Even for campers who purchase a catered lunch, please send snacks and a refillable water bottle each day to ensure they stay fueled and hydrated.

Price: \$45 + tax

**Menu items are subject to change. Campers participating in Ecosystem Advocates, Advanced Marine Biology, or Field Investigation camps will receive alternate refrigerated lunch options on full-day field trip days.*

REGISTRATION ADD-ON ITEMS

ADVENTURE PHOTO PACKAGE

"Seas" the moment with our exclusive camp photo package! Capture the magic of your camper's summer with our Adventure Photo Package, available Mondays during the first camp session check-in for \$129.

Sign up early to secure the best rate and ensure your camper's unforgettable moments are captured all week long! Pre-Purchase Price (during registration): **\$99 + tax**



THE ADVENTURE PHOTO PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Photos taken during one boat ride, snorkel excursion, and/or kayak trip (if applicable)
- For Jr. Animal Encounter and Animal Encounter Camps, the package includes interaction photos in place of snorkeling/kayaking photos
- Posed individual photos with fun backgrounds
- A group photo
- All digital images delivered in an online gallery



For any questions, please contact Fintastic Photo at photos@cmaquarium.org or submit a ticket via www.fintasticphoto.com



2026 CAMP POLICIES

CANCELLATION & REFUND POLICY

Refunds on camp payments will be processed only after written cancellation requests are received via email at camps@cmaquarium.org.

- Cancellations received 15 or more days before the first day of camp: 80% refund of total camp cost.
- Cancellations received 5 to 14 days before the first day of camp: 50% refund of total camp cost.
- Cancellations received 0 to 4 days before the first day of camp: No refund will be issued.

Please note the following important policies:

- Once a cancellation request is received via email, your camper's spot is forfeited. If you change your mind, you must re-register through the regular camp registration process.
- No full or partial refunds, camp credits, make-up days, or discounts will be provided for missed days of camp. This includes absences due to illness, scheduling conflicts, or other personal circumstances.
- Refunds will not be issued for campers who attend one or more days of a program.
- A 100% refund can be issued for any camp add-ons as long as the product has not yet been issued to the camper.
- Clearwater Marine Aquarium also reserves the right to cancel a camp for any reason. If your camp is canceled, you will be contacted a minimum of three (3) days in advance. We require a minimum of three (3) participants per camp session. If we do not meet the minimum required participants by the Wednesday prior to camp, the camp will be canceled, and full refunds or rescheduling will be conducted.

DATE CHANGE POLICY

Requests to change your camper's week of attendance must be submitted in writing to camps@cmaquarium.org at least 5 business days prior to the start of the originally scheduled camp week. You may not request to change camp dates if your camper has already attended one or more days of the original camp week. All date change requests are subject to availability and must be approved by Clearwater Marine Aquarium Education management.

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Florida is prone to thunderstorms, tropical storms, red tide, and hurricanes. There may be times when normal camp schedules need to be altered due to inclement weather or unsafe water conditions, such as high winds, heavy rainfall, or extremely high tides rendering the water unsuitable for activities like snorkeling or kayaking. In these instances, Clearwater Marine Aquarium has indoor classroom activities prepared to ensure campers continue to have a fun and educational experience. For camps that include snorkeling, traveling, kayaking, animal encounters, or other outdoor activities, our staff will adjust schedules and programming as needed for the safety of all participants. We will make every effort to resume normal camp schedules as soon as weather or water conditions allow. However, because Clearwater Marine Aquarium does not control the weather, water quality, or sea conditions, we cannot guarantee that all outdoor activities will take place every day. **No full or partial refunds will be issued due to missed outdoor activities caused by inclement weather or poor water conditions.**

In the rare event that Clearwater Marine Aquarium must close due to a hurricane or other emergency situation, please check cmaquarium.org for updates regarding camp operations.

2026 CAMP POLICIES

CAMPER SAFETY

For your camper's safety, Camp Staff will only release your child to an authorized pick-up person with a valid photo ID at sign-out. Authorized pick-ups are designated during registration. If your child will be picked up by someone not listed, you must notify CMA staff either in person during check-in or via email at camps@cmaquarium.org. Failure to notify staff in advance may result in delays while Education staff confirm authorization with the listed parent or guardian. Additionally, all persons, bags, parcels, and personal items may be subject to screening or security checks upon arrival. For the safety of our guests, animals, and staff, no weapons, bicycles, skateboards, scooters, skates, glass containers, or balloons are permitted. We recommend campers bring clear bags to help reduce check-in times. For a full list of prohibited items, please refer to our Aquarium Rules page.

All CMA camp staff are trained in First Aid and CPR. Additionally, all staff undergo background checks through the Florida Department of Children and Families to ensure the safety of every camper. We continue to evolve our protocols and procedure as we receive guidance and recommendations from government agencies, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Pinellas County Government, and the Florida Department of Health. Protocols and planned camp schedules are subject to change based on current guidance to ensure the safety and well-being of all participants. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we adapt to current conditions.

CAMPER ALLERGIES

Peanut and tree nut products are not permitted in camp. Please ensure all lunches and snacks are nut-free. We appreciate your cooperation in helping us keep all campers safe and healthy.

Please note: Clearwater Marine Aquarium is not a nut-free facility, and we cannot guarantee the absence of allergens. However, we make every reasonable effort to reduce the risk to campers with severe allergies or anaphylaxis. It is the parent's responsibility to notify the Camp Supervisor both verbally and in writing if their child has an allergy, is anaphylactic, or potentially anaphylactic. Allergies must also be clearly listed on the camp registration form.

BOATING & SNORKELING SAFETY

Clearwater Marine Aquarium is committed to providing a safe and supportive experience for all campers during all activities. In accordance with U.S. Coast Guard regulations, life jackets are not required to be worn on CMA vessels; however, life jackets are available for camps that include boating and snorkeling. Our camp boats are U.S. Coast Guard-certified and equipped with railings and essential safety features.

Campers participating in snorkeling will be provided with a snorkeling vest. If you would prefer your camper to wear a life jacket instead, please inform Camp Staff during morning sign-in. Snorkeling activities take place in shallow, standing-depth water, and no prior snorkeling experience is required. However, all campers must be able to swim in order to participate. By registering, you confirm that your camper is in good physical condition and can adapt to the challenges snorkeling can present.

KAYAKING SAFETY

Before kayaking sessions, Camp Teachers will provide instruction on basic paddling techniques and proper equipment use. Per U.S. Coast Guard regulations, life jackets are required for all kayaking participants—no exceptions. Kayaking is a physically active experience, and campers must be able to paddle, sit for extended periods, and adapt to the physical challenges kayaking may present.



ASHLEY NIELSEN SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship honors the life of Ashley Nielsen, a beloved longtime camper at Clearwater Marine Aquarium who passed away in 2024. Ash was a bright, curious, and passionate young learner with a deep love for the environment. Through this scholarship, we are proud to give one high school student each year the opportunity to explore marine life, make lasting memories, and carry forward the same wonder and dedication that Ash brought to every adventure.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

- High school students in grades 9–12 during the 2025–2026 school year
- Curious, enthusiastic, and excited to try new experiences - just like Ash
- Able to attend Clearwater Marine Aquarium camp during the 2026 summer camp season

THIS SCHOLARSHIP INCLUDES:

- Tuition for the camp of your choice: either two \$250 half-day sessions in the same week or a one-week, full-day camp (\$500 or less).
- Camp gear pack to kickstart your adventure
- Daily lunches to fuel your exciting days
- A free camp t-shirt

HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

Applicants must complete the online application at cmaquarium.org/ash-nielsen-scholarship and submit a short essay written by the applicant. The essay should be 1–5 paragraphs and answer the following questions:

- Why are you passionate about the environment or marine life?
- How would attending Clearwater Marine Aquarium camp impact you?
- What makes you the ideal candidate for this scholarship?
- How do you plan to make a positive difference in your community or the environment after attending camp?

The application period is open from January 19, 2026, to March 1, 2026. You will receive an email confirmation once your submission has been received. Scholarship winners will be notified by Clearwater Marine Aquarium in mid-March 2026.



SUMMER CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

PRESENTED BY RON JON SURF SHOP AND SURFING'S EVOLUTION & PRESERVATION FOUNDATION

Clearwater Marine Aquarium, in partnership with Ron Jon Surf Shop and Surfing's Evolution & Preservation Foundation, is thrilled to offer a need-based scholarship to help aspiring young scientists like YOU get hands-on experience at our unforgettable summer camps.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

- Students who have completed 4th–8th grade during the 2025–2026 school year
- Applicants must provide proof of financial need, such as:
 - Tax documentation showing a household income of less than \$50,000, or
 - Proof that the student qualifies for the free or reduced lunch program

THIS SCHOLARSHIP INCLUDES:

Recipients will receive a camp gear pack to kickstart their adventure, daily lunches to fuel their exciting days, a free camp t-shirt, and tuition for one of the exclusive scholarship camp programs below:

ECO EXPLORERS (AGES 10-11) Ready to get your feet wet in marine science & conservation? This camp is designed for curious young learners who want to discover Florida's coastal ecosystems and understand how to protect them. Each day pairs hands-on exploration with engaging conservation challenges.

- Four snorkeling adventures (no experience required) to explore seagrass beds & estuaries up close
- A kayaking trip along the mangroves (no experience required), spotting wildlife along the way
- A field trip to a local nature park to investigate Florida's plants and animals
- Interactive lessons and activities exploring ecosystems such as beaches, mangroves, coral reefs, and watersheds, tied to conservation issues like plastic pollution and habitat protection

Offered Full Days: June 22–26 • July 6–10

ECO LEADERS (AGES 12-14) Ready to dive deeper into marine conservation? This camp is designed for teens who want to expand their knowledge, engage in conservation challenges, and step into leadership roles as ocean stewards.

- Four snorkeling sessions to study marine life and habitats, from sandy beaches to seagrass meadows
- A kayaking adventure through Florida's coastal waterways (no experience necessary) while learning about mangroves and estuaries
- A field trip to a local nature park to explore the connections between land and the ocean
- Investigate real-world conservation issues such as coral bleaching, overfishing, and plastic pollution while building leadership skills

Offered Full Days: June 15–19 • June 29–July 3 • July 13–17

HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

The application period for this scholarship will be open from January 19, 2026, until April 30, 2026. Apply online at cmaquarium.org/summer-camp-scholarship. You will receive an email confirmation once your submission has been received. Applications are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, so don't wait! Winners will be notified by Clearwater Marine Aquarium in mid-May 2026.

WHY WE LOVE CAMP: TESTIMONIALS

He came home super excited to share everything he learned each day. This is the first camp he has EVER said that he was sad for it to end, and he is already talking about future camps. He loved learning about the animals' stories and why they were there, and how to take care of them. He enjoyed interacting with animals, snorkeling, crafts, dancing, and the adventure of the pirate scavenger hunt.

- *Explorers of the Sea Parent (2025 Camper Feedback Survey)*

My daughter learned what she is going to stick with for the rest of her life, she really enjoyed it, and she was very happy to tell me about her experience learning about marine life and ecosystems.

- *Animal Care 101 Parent (2025 Camper Feedback Survey)*

Last year, our child loved camp so much that he wanted to attend 2 camps this year. We were happy to be able to send him to both of his choices this year. He was so excited and happy every day. He said he wants to work at camp when he is old enough and volunteer in the aquarium!

- *Fur & Fins Parent (2025 Camper Feedback Survey)*

My daughter enjoyed the research project/presentation that they did on the last day of camp. They worked on their posters throughout the week and she enjoyed that and presenting. Both of her teachers were good leaders, friendly, supportive, and helpful. She also liked that they went on all of the hikes and excursions with the group.

- *Field Investigation Parent (2025 Camper Feedback Survey)*

You run a top-notch program. I'm very impressed. We used to do a different marine science camp every year. However, we are going to start coming here every year instead. The education and experiences are so much more valuable. You gave her exposure to things in the science world a standard classroom can't even touch.

- *Jr. Marine Biologist Parent (2024 Camper Feedback Survey)*

My 17-year-old is very reserved and does not show excitement or enthusiasm easily. Each day at camp she came more and more out of her shell and was so excited to share with us what she had seen and learned. It was an excellent experience from start to finish!

- *Field Scientist Parent (2024 Camper Feedback Survey)*

I cannot express how impressed I was with the quality and organization of this camp. It is clear that time was put into this being more than just a babysitting experience. My son has a hard time trying new things. He stressed a lot over participating in this, but from day 1 he loved everything about it and couldn't wait to get back the next day. That made this mom and fellow educator's heart SOOOO incredibly happy. You included a variety of hands-on experiences, allowed them to explore and gave parents all the materials they needed to discuss the camp with their kids. This is probably the best summer camp I've ever seen. Teachers and organization was top-notch. I would highly recommend it to anyone!

- *Advanced Marine Biology Parent (2024 Camper Feedback Survey)*

SO AMAZING!!! I went to CMA for marine biology camp and had the most perfect counselor and experience. My counselor was very kind and always had the most energy in the room! She was also very good at teaching and explaining things to the campers! I loved camp so so much!!! The aquarium is also so beautiful. There are so many exhibits and animals to see! I highly recommend!!!!

- *Advanced Marine Biology Camper (2023 Google Review)*

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