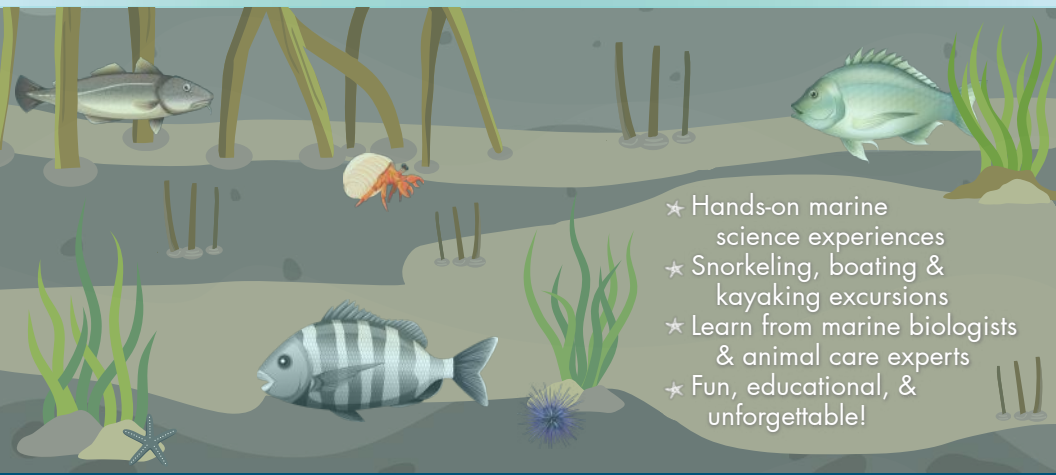


MAKE A SPLASH AT CMA'S MARINE SCIENCE SUMMER CAMPS!

FOR AGES 5–18 • JUNE 7 – AUGUST 13, 2027



- ★ 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 combines hands-on activities, animal encounters, and opportunities to explore Florida's coastal ecosystems. Depending on the camp theme and age group, campers may snorkel in seagrass beds, kayak through estuaries, and discover marine life in its natural habitat. They'll 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 takes place in shallow water. **Please note: All campers must be able to swim to enroll in Clearwater Marine Aquarium camps.**

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

2027 CAMP REGISTRATION DATES

Early Access for Active CMA Members: January 11, 2027

General Registration Opens: January 18, 2027

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: The cell 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 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM.
  - Afternoon camp sessions run from 1:00 AM 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 (9:00 AM to 4:00 PM).
- Advanced Marine Biology, Ecosystem Advocates, Field Investigation, and Animal Care 101 are full-day camps, running from 9:00 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

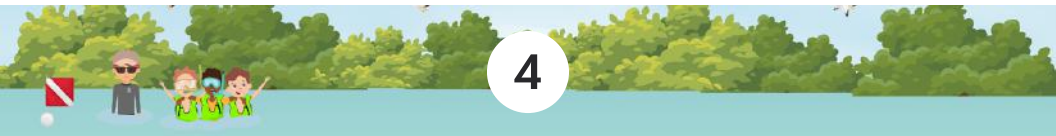
- Space is limited, and camps fill up quickly. Register for summer camps online at cmaquarium.org. No email, in-person, or phone reservations will be accepted.
- CMA's Marine Science Camp and Marine Academy Camp are designed for participants aged 5 to 18. **To join, campers must be a minimum of 5 years 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 must be at least 5 years old and have completed Kindergarten prior to attending camp.
** Campers who are 18 years old must have completed high school in the semester immediately preceding camp.*



GETTING READY FOR CAMP

WHAT YOU SHOULD PACK

- **Daily Attire:** Campers should arrive wearing their swimsuit under their camp shirt and bottoms. Please apply sunscreen before drop-off each day. Staff will supervise reapplication breaks throughout the day, but staff assistance is strictly limited to spray-style sunscreens. Campers may wear any comfortable shoes throughout the day, but closed-toe water shoes are mandatory for kayaking, snorkeling, and select field trips to protect against sharp underwater objects like shells. **Note: Campers without closed-toe water shoes will not be permitted in the water, and water shoes are not sold on-site.**
- **Backpack:** Bring a sturdy backpack daily packed with a towel, change of clothes (including undergarments), sunscreen, hat, insect repellent, and snorkel gear (mask and snorkel). For sanitary reasons, CMA does not provide masks or snorkels; campers must bring a set from home or purchase a Camp Gear Pack. Please label all personal items —including towels, water bottles, and gear—with your camper's first and last name. *Tip: Campers may bring a clear backpack to get through security quicker each morning!*
- **Food & Drinks:** Pack a peanut-free & tree-nut-free snack and a refillable water bottle daily (water or sports drinks are recommended; please avoid soda). Campers enrolled in Lunch Bunch Break Time, dual morning and afternoon sessions, or full-day camps need a nut-free lunch unless a catered lunch was pre-purchased. All lunches are stored at room temperature without access to refrigeration or microwaves, so please send non-perishable items.
- **Cameras & Phones (Optional):** Campers are welcome to bring personal phones or cameras to capture memories, but Clearwater Marine Aquarium is not responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged items. Devices must not interfere with camp activities or safety instructions. If a device becomes a distraction, the camper will be asked to store it in their backpack or out of reach for the remainder of the session. Please leave extra valuables, personal electronics (beyond phones/cameras), handheld games, and toys at home.

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*

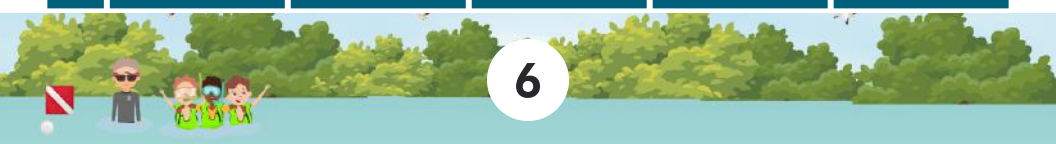
**Advanced Marine Biology Camp may have camper pick-up at the SCUBA shop depending on dive class availability.*






SUMMER SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

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AQUA ARTISTS

AFTERNOON CAMP • 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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!

Session Dates: June 14–18 • July 12–16 • August 2–6
Price: $250 ($230 for members)

EXPLORERS OF THE SEA

AFTERNOON CAMP • 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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.

Session Dates: June 7–11 • June 28–July 2 • July 26–30
Price: $250 ($230 for members)

FUR & FINS

AFTERNOON CAMP • 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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!

Session Dates: June 21–25 • July 5–9 • July 19–23 • August 9–13
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- Swimsuit
- Mask & Snorkel
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- Towel
- Sunscreen

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MARINE SCIENCE CAMPS

MINI MARINE BIOLOGISTS

MORNING CAMP • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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!

Session Dates: June 14–18 • July 5–9 • July 26–30 • August 9–13
Price: $250 ($230 for members)

MYTHICAL MANATEES

MORNING CAMP • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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!

Session Dates: June 21–25 • July 12–16 • August 2–6
Price: $250 ($230 for members)

SHOW & SHELL

MORNING CAMP • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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!

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DOLPHINS DAYS

AFTERNOON CAMP • 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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!

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Price: $250 ($230 for members)

FLIPPERS, FLUKES, & FEATHERS

MORNING CAMP • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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, pinnipeds, 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!

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HELPING HANDS

MORNING CAMP • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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.*

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Price: $250 ($230 for members)





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SEA SPIES

MORNING CAMP • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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!

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Price: $250 ($230 for members)

SUPERHEROES OF THE SEA

AFTERNOON CAMP • 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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!

Session Dates: June 7–11 • July 5–9 • July 26–30
Price: $250 ($230 for members)

UNDERSEA ADVENTURERS

AFTERNOON CAMP • 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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!

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Price: $250 ($230 for members)







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MARINE SCIENCE CAMPS

ADAPTING ADVENTURES

MORNING CAMP • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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!

Session Dates: June 14–18 • July 5–9 • July 26–30
Price: $250 ($230 for members)

ALL ABOUT DOLPHINS

MORNING CAMP • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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.

Session Dates: June 7–11 • June 28–July 2 • July 19–23 • August 9–13
Price: $250 ($230 for members)

JR. ANIMAL ENCOUNTER

MORNING CAMP • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Get up close with CMA's rescued residents! If you've ever wondered what it's like to care for our 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.

Session Dates: June 21–25 • July 12–16 • August 2–6
Price: $280 ($260 for members)





SNORKELING OR KAYAKING DURING CAMP? DON'T FORGET:
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MARINE SCIENCE CAMPS

JR. MARINE BIOLOGIST

AFTERNOON CAMP • 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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.

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Price: $250 ($230 for members)

MARINE MYSTERIES

AFTERNOON CAMP • 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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!

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Price: $250 ($230 for members)

SUNKEN SCIENTISTS

AFTERNOON CAMP • 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Set out on an adventure to discover how a sunken ship can transform into a thriving artificial reef! Investigate the animals that call shipwrecks home, from sunny, shallow waters to the deep, dark ocean zones, and learn how these structures contribute to ocean conservation. In this camp, you will:

- Snorkel twice in Clearwater Bay to investigate and compare animals found in a seagrass habitat and around a shipwreck
- Explore how a sunken ship transforms into an artificial reef as marine life begins to make it home
- Discover how CMA has contributed to artificial reef conservation

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MARINE ACADEMY CAMPS

ANIMAL CARE 101

FULL DAY CAMP • 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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.

Session Dates: June 7–11 • June 28–July 2 • July 12–16 • July 26–30 • August 9–13
Price: $450 ($405 for members)

ANIMAL ENCOUNTER

MORNING CAMP • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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.

Session Dates: June 14–18 • July 5–9 • July 26–30
Price: $280 ($260 for members)









SNORKELING OR KAYAKING DURING CAMP? DON'T FORGET:
· Swimsuit
· Mask & Snorkel
· Closed-Toe Water Shoes
· Towel
· Sunscreen

AGES 12–14

MARINE ACADEMY CAMPS

ECOSYSTEM ADVOCATES

AFTERNOON CAMP • 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Join the next generation of conservationists! Take part in an 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 two snorkeling trips and one kayaking excursion (no experience needed) in a local estuary.
- Take one engaging field trip to see 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!

Session Dates: June 14–18 • June 21–25 • July 19–23 • August 2–6
Price: $250 ($230 for members)

MARINE ZOOLOGY

MORNING CAMP • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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 two snorkeling excursions 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.

Session Dates: June 14–18 • June 21–25 • July 19–23 • August 2–6 • August 9–13
Price: $250 ($230 for members)

DEEP SEA SCIENTISTS

AFTERNOON CAMP • 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

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.

Session Dates: June 7–11 • June 14–18 • July 5–9 • July 26–30 • August 9–13
Price: $250 ($230 for members)



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AGES 15–18

MARINE ACADEMY CAMPS

ADVANCED MARINE BIOLOGY

FULL DAY CAMP • 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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.

*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.*

Session Dates: June 7–11 • June 21–25 • July 5–9 • July 19–23 • August 2–6

Price: $480 ($435 for members)

AQUATIC ANIMAL SCIENCES

AFTERNOON CAMP • 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Ready to take a closer look at the science of aquatic animal care? Unravel the complexities of animal behavior, husbandry, enrichment, nutrition, and health while connecting with industry experts and mapping out your future in marine science.

- Investigate the comparative anatomy of Clearwater Bay wildlife during two snorkeling sessions.
- Participate in hands-on activities and case studies that showcase how we care for resident and rescued animals.
- Collect and analyze behavioral data to gain an introduction to ethology.

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.

Session Dates: June 14–18 • July 12–16 • August 2–6 • August 9–13

Price: $250 ($230 for members)









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AGES 15–18

MARINE ACADEMY CAMPS

FIELD INVESTIGATION

FULL DAY CAMP • 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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 two snorkeling trips 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.

Session Dates: June 28–July 2 • July 26–30
Price: $465 ($420 for members)

MARINE LIFE RESCUE

MORNING CAMP • 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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 two snorkeling trips, a kayaking excursion (no experience needed!), and a visit to a bird rescue center.
- Participate in a dogfish shark 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.

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REGISTRATION ADD-ON ITEMS

CAMP T-SHIRTS

Campers receive one complimentary T-shirt per registered session at Monday check-in, and wearing it daily is strongly encouraged to help staff easily identify our campers. Additional shirts can be pre-purchased during online registration for $22 plus tax. Pre-purchasing is strongly recommended, as on-site sizes and quantities will be limited at Monday check-in.

Price: $22 + tax

CAMP GEAR PACKS

Gear up for an effortless week of camp! Skip the morning stress with our official Camp Gear Pack—pre-packed with daily essentials and ready for your camper at Monday check-in. Each Camp Gear Pack includes:

- CMA Drawstring Bag
- Mask & Snorkel Set
- Towel
- Reusable Water Bottle
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen

All Camp Gear Packs purchased during registration will be distributed at Monday check-in for each camp program. Pre-purchasing is strongly recommended, as on-site stock will be limited at Monday check-in. Items are subject to change.

Price: $70 + tax

LUNCH BUNCH BREAK TIME

Need a little extra time between camp sessions? Lunch Bunch Break Time provides a supervised mid-day break for campers to relax and eat lunch! *Note: Food for lunch is not provided—campers must bring a packed lunch or pre-purchase a weekly Catered Lunch.*

- **Morning-Only Campers:** Extended pick-up window between 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
- **Afternoon-Only Campers:** Early drop-off window between 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM
- **Full-Day & Dual-Session Campers:** Automatically included for campers enrolled in full-day programs or both morning and afternoon sessions in the same week.

Price: $25/week

CATERED LUNCHES

Catered lunches are available for purchase for campers enrolled in full-day programs, both morning and afternoon sessions in the same week, or Lunch Bunch Break Time. Each lunch includes an entrée, side, sports drink, and dessert. Lunches must be purchased in advance for the entire week; single-day purchases are not available. Dietary Restrictions Note: We can accommodate select dietary requests if notified in advance during registration. If your child has complex dietary needs or severe allergies, we strongly recommend packing a lunch and snacks from home.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Turkey & Cheese Sandwich	Cheeseburger *Field Investigation Field Trip Lunch Alternative: Ham & Cheese Sandwich*	Pizza	Chicken Tenders *Field Investigation Field Trip Lunch Alternative: Turkey & Cheese Sandwich*	Corn Dog Nuggets *Advanced Marine Biology Field Trip Lunch Alternative: Ham & Cheese Sandwich*

Note: Menu items are subject to change. Additional food is not available for purchase at camp beyond the pre-paid catered lunch option.

Price: $45 + tax

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**





SCAN QR CODE FOR TERMS OR CLICK HERE

THE ADVENTURE PHOTO PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Photos taken during one boat ride, snorkel excursion, and/or kayak trip (if applicable)
- For Jr. Animal Encounter & 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

2027 CAMP POLICIES

CANCELATION & 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.

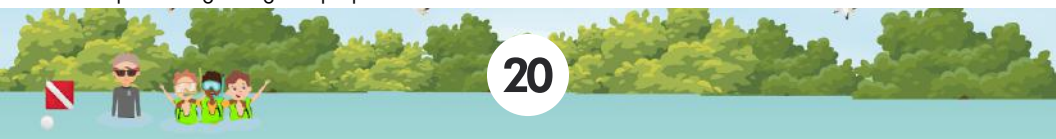
Clearwater Marine Aquarium also reserves the right to cancel a camp for any reason. If your camp is canceled, you will be contacted a minimum of three (3) days in advance. We require a minimum of three (3) participants per camp session. If we do not meet the minimum required participants by the Wednesday prior to camp, the camp will be canceled, and full refunds or rescheduling will be offered.

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.



2027 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. 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 is potentially anaphylactic. Allergies must also be clearly listed on the camp registration form. *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.*

WATER SAFETY & REQUIREMENTS

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 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 check-in. Snorkeling activities take place in shallow water, but water depth may vary based on tides and location, and no prior 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 able to safely participate in snorkeling activities.

Before kayaking sessions, camp instructors 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 ELLIGIBLE FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

- High school students in grades 9–12 during the 2026–2027 school year
- Curious, enthusiastic, and excited to try new experiences - just like Ash
- Able to attend Clearwater Marine Aquarium camp during the 2027 summer camp season
- Must be able to provide their own daily transportation to and from their camp session

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 18, 2027, to March 1, 2027. You will receive an email confirmation once your submission has been received. Scholarship winners will be notified by Clearwater Marine Aquarium in mid-March 2027.









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 ELLIGIBLE FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

- Students who have completed 4th–8th grade during the 2026–2027 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, daily catered lunches, a complimentary camp t-shirt, and tuition for one of the exclusive scholarship camp programs below:

ECO EXPLORERS (AGES 10-11)

FULL DAY CAMP • 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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

Session Dates: June 28-July 2 • July 12-16

ECO LEADERS (AGES 12-14)

FULL DAY CAMP • 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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

Session Dates: June 21-25 • July 5-9 • July 19-23

HOW TO APPLY FOR THIS SCHOLARSHIP:

The application period for this scholarship will be open from January 18 to April 30, 2027 at **cmaquarium.org/summer-camp-scholarship**. Submissions are reviewed on a first-come, first-served basis, so apply early! You will receive an email confirmation upon receipt of the application, and selected recipients will be notified in mid-May 2027.

WHY WE LOVE CAMP: TESTIMONIALS

We travel from Michigan for this camp, and this is the third one our daughter has completed (2022, 2023, and 2026). The camps consistently feel worth the investment and have been a highlight. She wants to be a marine mammologist and the camps have really contributed to it.
- Animal Care 101 Parent (2026 Camper Feedback Survey)

Another great summer! We live in Virginia, but vacation here and we came earlier this year just so that our camper could participate in an additional week. She loved it and learned so much!
- Mini Marine Biologist Parent (2026 Camper Feedback Survey)

This is year four for us! My daughter absolutely LOVES the staff! Day one she was a little nervous, and we walked in and one of her adults from last year greeted her with a big hug and was so glad she was back again. This made her feel so much better walking into her classroom. The staff is AMAZING!!!
- All About Dolphins Parent (2026 Camper Feedback Survey)

This was a fantastic camp. We loved the mix of activities and outside time and our daughter learned so much about marine science and animals. Her camp instructor was awesome!! Honestly, all of the staff were extremely helpful and pleasant. It was a very well-run camp!
- Fur & Fins Parent (2026 Camper Feedback Survey)

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 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)

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... I would highly recommend it to anyone!
- Advanced Marine Biology Parent (2024 Camper Feedback Survey)

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