



## KINDERGARTEN TO HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAMS

June 3 - August 16, 2024



- Fun & Educational
- Free Camp T-Shirt
- Snorkeling, Boating, and Kayaking Experiences
- Learn about Marine Life & Marine Biology from CMA Personnel

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

# CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM'S AWARD-WINNING MARINE SCIENCE SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM

Get your camper ready to have fun in the sun as they embark on their own coastal learning experience with our camp selections for 2024. Enjoy our week-long camps featuring our rescued dolphin, river otter, and sea turtle friends! **Our camp options feature snorkeling in seagrass beds and sand flats, kayaking through local estuaries, visiting our rescued residents, and discovering fascinating marine creatures in their natural habitat. For camps that include snorkeling, the boats are supervised by Coast Guard certified Captains in addition to staff and college interns. Campers always have access to water that they can stand in during snorkeling camps.** Snorkeling experience is not required for camps that have snorkeling activities. Your summer fun begins at Clearwater Marine Aquarium!

## 2024 ENROLLMENT DATES

**Active CMA Members:** Online registration begins January 8, 2024

**General Registration:** Online registration begins on January 15, 2024

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



Grade Color Keys





## COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN – 1ST GRADE

(Ages 6 – 7)

**EXPLORERS OF THE SEA** Ahoy, ocean adventurers! Learn about our resident animals and explore our working marine animal hospital as you follow your “treasure map” like pirates during a weeklong scavenger hunt journey. Hear about your fellow ocean adventurers like dolphins, whales, and turtles. Discover ways that we can help protect and save marine life when exploring by learning from Rescue Team members. Attend a private Q & A session with a dolphin care team member exclusively for our summer camps. Campers will also enjoy two snorkeling excursions and search for “treasures” in the sand!

**Offered Mornings:** Weeks 2, 4, 9

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**FUR & FINS** Get ready for an adventure as we uncover what makes marine mammals truly unique! Campers will experience exciting enrichment activities and connect with our resident dolphins through underwater windows. Campers will also embark on two snorkeling excursions to discover the habitat of Clearwater Bay. Have you ever wondered how whales are different from dolphins, or why river otters aren't the same as sea otters? Campers will become marine mammal experts, exploring the fascinating similarities and differences between these incredible creatures. To top it all off, campers can participate in an exclusive Q & A session with a member of our animal care team, exclusively for our summer campers!

**Offered Mornings:** Weeks 3, 6, 8

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**SHOW & SHELL** Does your camper love show and tell? Dive into educational fun as campers show and shell critters from their two snorkel adventures in our local estuary. Campers will explore our discovery tank and investigate invertebrates such as sea stars, crabs, and sea urchins. Your campers will learn fun facts about the discovery tank animals to share and create their own examples of the animals to show off back home.

**Offered Mornings:** Weeks 1, 5, 7, 10

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members



### SNORKELING CAMP NEEDS

You will need to bring to  
camp each day:

- A Bathing Suit
- **WATER SHOES**  
(CLOSED-TOE)
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- Sunscreen



# COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN – 3RD GRADE

(Ages 6 – 9)

**AQUA ARTISTS** The ocean is full of colors, patterns, sounds, and textures. Your camper will discover how sea creatures use color and visual displays to survive. Learn about the sounds sea creatures make as they create their own “music.” Create artwork inspired by the ocean and its inhabitants to display at home. Campers will enjoy two days of snorkeling in this camp to see the wonderful colors and patterns of nature.

**Offered Afternoons:** Weeks 2, 6, 9

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**MINI MARINE BIOLOGISTS** Calling all budding marine biologists! Dive into the world of marine science to learn about the amazing animals that call the ocean their home. Learn about how scientists study the flora and fauna of the ocean through interactive activities. Discover how we can learn from our resident animals while exploring the aquarium. Campers will also set out on two snorkeling adventures as they become marine biologists searching for invertebrates in Clearwater Bay.

**Offered Afternoons:** Weeks 1, 4, 8, 10

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**MYTHICAL MANATEES** Investigate Florida’s state marine mammal, the manatee! Learn about their eating habits, their environment, the dangers they face, and what we all can do to help. Discover the manatee’s unique connection to mermaids, safe boating practices, and how our Rescue Team assists manatees in distress. Campers will also explore the natural estuary habitat of manatees with two snorkeling excursions.

**Offered Afternoons:** Weeks 3, 5, 7

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members



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# COMPLETED 2ND GRADE – 3RD GRADE

(Ages 8 – 9)

**DOLPHIN DAYS** Spend the week here with us at CMA to discover more about all of our resident dolphins! Learn how the animal care team works with these intelligent animals. Campers will participate in an enrichment activity with our rescued dolphins through their underwater viewing windows. Two snorkeling trips will allow campers to explore the natural habitat of wild dolphins. Campers will also enjoy a private Q & A session with a dolphin care team member conducted just for our summer camps. Combined with educational indoor activities and visits to see our resident animals, this camp is sure to be your camper's favorite experience all summer!

**Offered Mornings:** Weeks 2, 3, 7, 10

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**FLIPPERS, FLUKES, & FEATHERS** Does your favorite animal have flippers, flukes, or feathers? If so, this camp is for you! Discover how animals move through their environment through interactive lessons and hands-on activities. Participate in an enrichment session with our resident sea turtles. Compare and contrast animal adaptations and learn about dolphin, sea turtle, and pelican anatomy. Campers will also embark on two snorkeling excursions to look for animals in Clearwater Bay that share characteristics with the resident animals at CMA!

**Offered Afternoons:** Weeks 2, 4, 7

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**HELPING HANDS** Are you interested in saving precious marine life? Do you want to learn about what our real-life rescue team does on a daily basis when called to help an animal in need? This is the camp for you! Learn about Clearwater Marine Aquarium's Rescue Team and their work through hands-on learning with Rescue Team members. Participate in mock rescue demonstrations to learn how we can care for a stranded dolphin, come to the aid of a turtle in distress, and create the best habitat for a rehabilitating otter. Go behind the scenes with a Rescue Team member to learn how CMA cares for rescued animals. With 2 snorkel trips and daily exciting learning opportunities, your camper will get a full experience of CMA and our work. **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:** Weeks 1, 4, 6, 9

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members



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# COMPLETED 2ND GRADE – 3RD GRADE

(Ages 8 – 9)



**MEET AND GREET** Want to learn more about Clearwater Marine Aquarium's rescued residents? Now is your chance to take a picture with a dolphin and provide enrichment for some of our resident animals! Campers will learn about animal diets by visiting our food preparation area and will meet with the biologists that care for our fish. Your camper will also spend time interacting with our resident dolphins through our large under-water viewing windows! This is one camp experience they are sure to remember forever! *Interactions are subject to change due to animal availability. Photos are not guaranteed and are sold separately.*

**Offered Mornings:** Weeks 2, 5, 8

**Price:** \$270, \$250 members

**SEA SPIES** Calling all aspiring agents of the sea! Become a Sea Spy as you uncover the secrets of remarkable underwater creatures equipped with spy-like capabilities. Through engaging activities, exciting games, mind-bending puzzles, and captivating experiments, campers will explore how ocean animals employ their unique spy skills for survival. Embark on the ultimate underwater spy missions with two snorkeling trips while creating unforgettable summer memories!

**Offered Afternoons:** Weeks 3, 6, 8, 10

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**UNDERSEA ADVENTURERS** Travel through the ocean zones from the shallows to the deep as we explore the animals that call each zone home. Explore the intertidal zone of Clearwater Bay first-hand during two snorkeling adventures. Discover the many ways the ocean can be divided and how organisms have adapted to survive at every depth, even in complete darkness. See the Clearwater Marine Aquarium Dive Team in action as they show you one of the ways that humans can explore the oceans.

**Offered Afternoons:** Weeks 1, 5, 9

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members

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# COMPLETED 4TH – 5TH GRADE

(Ages 10 – 11)

**ADAPTING ADVENTURES** Ready for an adventure? In this camp we will go on a journey through an ocean of animal adaptations as we take a look at how creatures of the sea use their brains, brawns, and beauty to thrive! Through educational activities, two snorkeling excursions, and a kayak adventure, you will explore the many ways that marine animals have learned to use their intellect, strength, and appearances to survive in the ocean!

**Offered Afternoons:** Weeks 1, 3, 4, 7, 9      **Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**ALL ABOUT DOLPHINS** Discover the fascinating world of dolphins as we learn all about them in this educational camp! Your camper will learn about dolphin anatomy through a mock dolphin stranding, examine dolphin diets by exploring Clearwater Marine Aquarium’s food preparation area, and participate in dolphin enrichment through our underwater viewing windows. Discover the worldwide family of dolphin species as we explore beyond the bottlenose. Campers will enjoy two snorkeling sessions and engaging indoor activities. Plus, they’ll have the exclusive opportunity for a private Q&A session with one of our dolphin care team members—conducted just for our summer camps!

**Offered Mornings:** Weeks 2, 4, 9      **Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**ANIMAL ENCOUNTER** Want to discover more about Clearwater Marine Aquarium’s rescued residents? Now’s your chance to take a picture with a dolphin, provide enrichment for some of our animals, and so much more! Get an in-depth look at how our resident animals are cared for each day through hands-on activities. Campers will learn about animal diets by visiting our food preparation area and meeting with the biologists that care for our fish. Your camper will also spend some time interacting with our resident dolphins with our animal care team! This camp experience is sure to be a highlight of the summer for your camper! *Interactions subject to change due to animal availability. Photos are not guaranteed and are sold separately.*

**Offered Mornings:** Weeks 3, 7, 9      **Price:** \$270, \$250 members



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(Ages 10 – 11)



**JR. MARINE BIOLOGIST** Does your camper want to be a marine biologist when they grow up? This camp provides an introduction to the topics and tools of marine biology for your young scientist. Explore the behavior of animals, the chemistry of the ocean, and the communities of living organisms. Learn hands-on by performing water chemistry tests and taking readings of the surrounding waters. Travel to a local nature park to learn about coastal ecology and the organisms that live there. Examine the world of marine biology further with two snorkeling adventures and one kayaking excursion (no experience necessary) as you enter the world of our local estuary.

**Offered Mornings:** Weeks 1, 5, 8, 10      **Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**MARINE MYSTERIES** Set out to unravel the mysteries of the ocean! Get ready for two snorkeling excursions to explore the wonders of an estuary, a living classroom teeming with life. Tackle the common myths surrounding the animals of the deep blue sea and embark on a quest to separate fact from fiction. Get hands-on with exciting experiments that will ignite your curiosity and sharpen your scientific investigation skills. Unlock the secrets of the ocean, debunk myths, and embrace the spirit of exploration as you work as a team to solve the marine mysteries!

**Offered Afternoons:** Weeks 2, 6, 8, 10      **Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**OCEAN WARRIORS** Do you have what it takes to become an Ocean Warrior? Learn all about the major issues facing marine life and what you can do to help defend our ocean's future. Explore sustainability by going inside our hydroponics exhibit to see an alternative way we grow leafy greens for our resident animals. Enjoy two snorkeling trips and one day of kayaking (no experience necessary) to explore the waters around Clearwater Marine Aquarium while discovering ways to protect the local bay.

**Offered Afternoons:** Weeks 2, 3, 5, 9      **Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**WORLD OF WATER** Embark on an extraordinary journey to discover the world's diverse underwater ecosystems! Unlock your passion for animals as you stamp your passport of adventure. Dive beneath the waters of Clearwater Bay with two thrilling snorkeling expeditions. Paddle through an estuary on a kayaking adventure, no experience required, and venture to a local nature park, where you'll unravel the intricate web of ecological relationships. Marvel at the wondrous interconnectivity of our world's oceans, lakes, and the captivating animal bonds that unite the world of water.

**Offered Mornings:** Weeks 3, 6      **Price:** \$240, \$220 members

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**Clearwater Marine Aquarium Marine Academy offers a camp experience for graduates of 6th through 12th grade that highlights the major areas of marine biology.**



## **COMPLETED 6TH – 8TH GRADE**

**(Ages 12 – 14)**

**ANIMAL CARE AND BEHAVIOR** Learn and observe how we care for our resident animals at Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Experience a tour of our food preparation kitchen as you learn what it takes to be an animal care specialist. Participate in a private camp Q & A session with a dolphin care team member while learning how we teach new behaviors. Also, enjoy two snorkeling excursions in our local estuary while looking for dolphins in Clearwater Bay. **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:** Weeks 1, 5, 7, 10

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**COASTAL ECOLOGY** Set out on an adventure to discover the captivating world of Florida's coastal ecosystems! Learn about the general principles of ecology and discover how scientists study the relationship between living things and their environment. Explore the intricate mangrove ecosystems during a kayaking trip (no experience needed) and embark on two snorkeling adventures in an estuary ecosystem. Venture offsite to explore the varied landscapes of a local nature park. Get ready to apply your newfound ecological knowledge to the diverse ecosystems found throughout Florida!

**Offered Afternoons:** Weeks 1, 3, 7, 9, 10

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**DEEP SEA SCIENTISTS** Ever wonder what lies in the depths of the ocean? Explore the scientific advancements that have brought this once-undiscovered world up to the surface! Discover adaptations that allow for the creatures of the deep sea to survive under pressure. Learn about the methods and equipment that scientists have used to explore the ocean's depths. Link these deep-sea characteristics and environments with those of our resident animals. Compare and contrast the deep sea with animals from Clearwater Bay during two snorkeling trips and one kayak excursion (no experience necessary).

**Offered Afternoons:** Weeks 1, 4, 6

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members

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# COMPLETED 6TH – 8TH GRADE

(Ages 12 – 14)

**MARINE ANIMAL VETERINARIAN** Explore the world of marine life rescue through the eyes of a marine animal veterinarian! Find out what it takes to enter this competitive field through information from our Animal Health Team. Work with mock samples while learning pathology and observe how we collect samples from our resident’s husbandry sessions. Join a Rescue Team member to learn about how we care for animals in the field and during the rehabilitation process.. Also, enjoy two days of snorkeling in our local estuary. Work as a team to treat a “patient” and perform tests to recommend the best course of action, just like the actual veterinary team would do at CMA! **Please note that campers will not have any direct physical contact with live resident, rescue, or rehabilitation animals for camper and animal safety.**

**Offered Afternoons:** Weeks 2, 5, 8, 10      **Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**MARINE ZOOLOGY** Engage in an introduction to the study of biology and behavior of marine animals. This camp will cover marine invertebrates and vertebrates as you climb the phylogenetic tree. Investigate animal adaptations that make them unique and discover the anatomy of a squid in a hands-on opportunity. Students will learn from one of our dolphin dorsal identification researchers about the importance of studying our local dolphin population. Spend time visiting CMA’s rescued resident animals, enjoy one snorkeling excursion in Clearwater Bay, take a kayaking adventure (no experience necessary), and go on a trip to a local environmental education center.

**Offered Mornings:** Weeks 1, 2, 4, 8, 10      **Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**OCEAN GUARDIANS** Join the next generation of conservationists for a week of connecting with the environment and learning how we can preserve it! CMA’s mission of conservation is highlighted in this exploratory and interactive camp! Many of CMA’s resident animals have been negatively impacted by the stressors of human-created environmental change. Learn how to navigate making environmentally conscious choices so you can help to influence others. One of CMA’s sea turtle biologists will speak to the students about how we can help to combat these issues through conservation actions they can take. Then students will be challenged to put their knowledge to use to make a case for the environment. Campers will enjoy two snorkeling trips and a kayaking excursion (no experience necessary) to observe the local estuary.

**Offered Mornings:** Weeks 3, 6, 9      **Price:** \$240, \$220 members



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# COMPLETED 9TH – 12TH GRADE

(Ages 15 – 18)

**ADVANCED MARINE BIOLOGY** This is an all-day program designed to immerse you in the field of marine biology. This program introduces participants to the basic principles of marine biology through experiments and hands-on activities. For one session during the week, students get to put on actual scuba gear and discover scuba in a pool at a local dive shop.\* Students will have the opportunity to explore Clearwater Marine Aquarium, our offsite rehabilitation center,\*\* and a local nature park. Participants will embark on two kayaking (no experience necessary) and two snorkeling excursions to learn first-hand about the local estuary. **Please note that campers will not have any direct physical contact with live resident, rescue, or rehabilitation animals for camper and animal safety.**

**Offered All Day:** Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8

**Price:** \$450, \$405 members

**CAREER WAYFINDERS** Ready to chart your course into your dream career? Discover potential careers at a working marine animal hospital and get a taste of the daily operations at CMA. Go on an exciting journey where you'll meet the friendly faces of our passionate aquarium personnel. Engage in hands-on activities that'll leave you hooked on the magic of marine life and explore careers on the water during one snorkeling session. Gain valuable insights into potential paths in the competitive field of marine science while exploring the incredible world of marine research, conservation, education, and animal husbandry at Clearwater Marine Aquarium. **Please note that campers will not have any direct physical contact with live resident, rescue, or rehabilitation animals for their camper and animal safety.**

**Offered Mornings:** Weeks 3, 7, 10

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**FIELD SCIENTIST** Want to get your feet wet in the field of marine sciences? Come join us at Clearwater Marine Aquarium for an introduction to equipment and techniques marine biologists use in the field. Learn about data collection and how scientists use data to protect our environment. Students will enjoy a kayaking excursion (no experience necessary) and two snorkeling trips to test out field sampling methods that marine biologists use in the field. Additionally, students will travel to a local nature park to conduct an environmental survey.

**Offered Mornings:** Weeks 1, 5, 9

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members



\*Students MUST be at least 15 years old by the start of the camp session to participate in the scuba session. This scuba session is led and supervised by certified scuba instructors. No experience is necessary.

\*\*Visits to the rehabilitation center are only available if no animals are being rehabilitated.

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# COMPLETED 9TH – 12TH GRADE

(Ages 15 – 18)

**MARINE LIFE RESCUE** Ready to rescue? Learn what it's like to be a part of Clearwater Marine Aquarium's Rescue Team during this interactive camp! Meet a Rescue Team member and go behind the scenes to learn about how CMA responds to and cares for rescued animals, such as cetaceans, sea turtles, and river otters. Study the anatomy and physiology of marine animals and discover the importance of research, monitoring, and data collection. Dive into the process of rescue, rehabilitation, and release with a snorkeling trip, a kayaking excursion (no experience necessary), and a field trip to a bird rescue facility to see animal rehab beyond CMA! **Please note that campers will not have any direct physical contact with live resident, rescue, or rehabilitation animals for camper and animal safety.**

**Offered Afternoons:** Weeks 1, 7, 10

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members

**OCEAN INVESTIGATION** Are you interested in marine science research? Join us as we learn about the different branches of research within marine science such as photo identification and hydrographic surveying. Explore the importance of studying the natural environment and dive deeper into the work of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium Research Institute. Students will investigate topics like biology and oceanography through hands-on activities and educational presentations. Venture out on a field trip to learn more about marine research vessels. Experience two snorkeling trips and one kayak adventure (no experience necessary) where campers will have the opportunity to explore Clearwater Bay and experiment with tools used in scientific studies!

**Offered Afternoons:** Weeks 3, 5, 9

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members



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# WEEK 11

## LAST SPLASH OF SUMMER

As the summer comes to an end, join Clearwater Marine Aquarium for one last week of learning and fun in the sun! Enjoy the week-long morning camp that features snorkeling and aquarium exploration. These camp selections were designed with your camper's ideal educational experience in mind and are listed below.

### MARINE BIOLOGY 101

**(COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE)**

Join Clearwater Marine Aquarium Marine Biologists as you climb the phylogenetic tree and get an introduction to some of the animals that call CMA home! Campers will discover animal adaptations and strategies necessary for survival in different habitats. Examine the life cycles, environment, and feeding methodologies of various marine animals throughout the week. Explore an estuary and search for the different types of animals in Clearwater Bay during three snorkeling adventures.

**Offered Morning:** Week 11

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members

### CAREER CONNECTION

**(COMPLETED 6TH - 12TH GRADE)**

What is it like to work at a marine animal hospital? Campers will explore the many different career paths within Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Learn about Clearwater Marine Aquarium's research and conservation programs, education, animal husbandry, and many more departments that help promote the mission of preserving our environment while inspiring the human spirit. Students will also investigate different field methods for collecting data that are used by research scientists during two snorkeling trips and one kayaking excursion (no experience necessary).

**Offered Morning:** Week 11

**Price:** \$240, \$220 members



# 2024 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 is a full-day camp, running from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

# 2024 CAMP PRICES

Prices vary by camp and can be found under each camp description. Camp discount pricing for active members is not applicable to the “Ambassador, Individual, and Ocean Explorer” Membership Levels. After signing into your CMA member account, the discount will be automatically applied for applicable membership levels when registering for camps. Please go to [cmaquarium.org](http://cmaquarium.org) for more information.

# GENERAL REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- Space is limited, and camps fill up quickly. Register for summer camps online at [cmaquarium.org](http://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 by the day their camp begins. Age verification may be requested prior to the first day of camp.
- Campers should be registered for a grade-level specific camp based on the grade level completed during the 2023-2024 school year. Clearwater Marine Aquarium reserves the right to cancel or alter reservations for campers registered inaccurately into a grade-level specific camp.
- During the enrollment process, complete the registration form in full. For children with allergies (contact or ingestion) or requiring medication, specify the medication name and dispensing information.
- 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.





## DATE CHANGE POLICY

Date changes will be considered on a case-by-case basis once a written request has been submitted by emailing the Supervisor of Conservation Education Programs at [camps@cmaquarium.org](mailto:camps@cmaquarium.org). Date changes are subject to availability and may require Clearwater Marine Aquarium Education managerial approval.

## CAMP GEAR PACKS

Don't have what you need for your Summer Camp Adventure? We do! Camp Gear Packs are available for purchase when registering for camps online or Monday morning at check-in. Camp Gear Packs include a CMA bag, mask, snorkel, CMA towel, CMA water bottle, sunglasses, and sunscreen\*.

**Camp Gear Pricing:** \$68.00 + tax.

**Campers must provide their own closed-toe water shoes.** Water shoes are extremely important as shells and other items located on the bottom of Clearwater Bay may be sharp and hazardous during snorkeling. Campers may not snorkel without closed-toe water shoes at camp.

\*CMA reserves the right to substitute if necessary.

## CAMP T-SHIRTS

Campers will receive a free CMA Camp T-Shirt for each camp they are enrolled in. Camps can get messy, so please ensure your camper also wears camp appropriate attire. Additional Camp T-Shirts can be purchased while registering or on the first day of camp.

**Camp T-Shirt:** \$22.00 + tax

## QUESTIONS

Direct any questions to the Supervisor of Conservation Education Programs, at **(727) 441-1790 x2270**, or email at [camps@cmaquarium.org](mailto:camps@cmaquarium.org).

Due to the high volume of interest expected, please allow 48 hours for a response.

Also, you can visit [cmaquarium.org](http://cmaquarium.org) for additional information.

# NO TIME TO PACK A LUNCH?

## NO PROBLEM!

### LUNCH

Lunches can be purchased for an additional \$40+ tax for the week for campers who are enrolled in both the morning and afternoon session or mid-day extended care. Lunches must be purchased for the entire week; single day purchases are not available. Campers should also bring a refillable water bottle and two snacks. Campers are also welcome to pack their own lunch. **Please note that there is no refrigeration or microwave oven available; do not send items that are highly perishable or require heating.**

### MENU\*

All lunches will be served with a drink, a small dessert, and one of the following: fresh chips, a fruit cup or baby carrots with ranch dressing. Lunches on particular days cannot be substituted.

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

\*CMA reserves the right to substitute if necessary.

### MID-DAY EXTENDED CARE

Mid-day Extended Care is supervised time available to those parents who need a late pick-up after morning camp or an early drop-off for afternoon camp sessions. Mid-day Extended Care provides an opportunity for campers to rehydrate, fuel up, and eat lunch. Mid-day extended care is included for campers who are enrolled in a morning and afternoon session of camp.

**Price:** \$25

**Morning Session Campers:** Pick-up will occur at or before 1:00 pm.

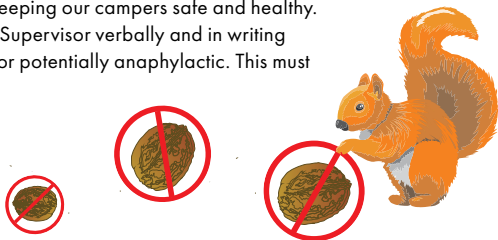
**Afternoon Session Campers:** Drop-off between 11:30 am and 1:00 pm.

Lunch is not provided. Lunch can be purchased for \$40+ tax, or campers can bring their own lunch.

### CAMPER ALLERGIES

The Aquarium is not free of food items and non-food items that may lead to a severe allergic or anaphylactic reaction. Clearwater Marine Aquarium will make every reasonable effort to reduce the risk to children with severe allergies or anaphylaxis. **Due to a significant increase in severe nut allergies, CMA will no longer allow items containing peanuts or tree nuts in camp.** Please pack your camper's lunches and snacks accordingly. We appreciate your help in keeping our campers safe and healthy.

It is the parent's responsibility to inform the Camp Supervisor verbally and in writing that his/her child has an allergy, is anaphylactic, or potentially anaphylactic. This must also be listed on the camp registration form.





# MORNING CAMPS

8:30am – 11:30am

Grade/ Time	Week 1 June 3rd	Week 2 June 10th	Week 3 June 17th	Week 4 June 24th	Week 5 July 1st
<b>K – 1 AM</b>	Show & Shell	Explorers of the Sea	Fur & Fins	Explorers of the Sea	Show & Shell
<b>2 – 3 AM</b>	Helping Hands	Dolphin Days	Dolphin Days	Helping Hands	Meet & Greet
		Meet & Greet			
<b>4 – 5 AM</b>	Jr. Marine Biologist	All About Dolphins	Animal Encounter	All About Dolphins	Jr. Marine Biologist
			World of Water		
<b>6 – 8 AM</b>	Animal Care & Behavior	Marine Zoology	Ocean Guardians	Marine Zoology	Animal Care & Behavior
	Marine Zoology				
<b>9 – 12 AM</b>	Field Scientist	Advanced Marine Biology	Career Wayfinders	Advanced Marine Biology	Field Scientist

# AFTERNOON CAMPS

1:00pm – 4:00pm

<b>K – 3 PM</b>	Mini Marine Biologist	Aqua Artists	Mythical Manatees	Mini Marine Biologist	Mythical Manatees
<b>2 – 3 PM</b>	Undersea Adventurers	Flippers, Flukes, & Feathers	Sea Spies	Flippers, Flukes, & Feathers	Undersea Adventurers
<b>4 – 5 PM</b>	Adapting Adventures	Ocean Warriors	Adapting Adventures	Adapting Adventures	Ocean Warriors
		Marine Mysteries	Ocean Warriors		
<b>6 – 8 PM</b>	Deep Sea Scientist	Marine Animal Veterinarian	Coastal Ecology	Deep Sea Scientists	Marine Animal Veterinarian
	Coastal Ecology				
<b>9 – 12 PM</b>	Marine Life Rescue	Advanced Marine Biology	Ocean Investigation	Advanced Marine Biology	Ocean Investigation



# MORNING CAMPS

8:30am – 11:30am

Grade/ Time	Week 6 July 8th	Week 7 July 15th	Week 8 July 22th	Week 9 July 29st	Week 10 August 5th	Week 11 August 12th
<b>K – 1 AM</b>	Fur & Fins	Show & Shell	Fur & Fins	Explorers of the Sea	Show & Shell	Marine Biology 101 (K-5)
<b>2 – 3 AM</b>	Helping Hands	Dolphin Days	Meet & Greet	Helping Hands	Dolphin Days	Marine Biology 101 (K-5)
<b>4 – 5 AM</b>	World of Water	Animal Encounter	Jr. Marine Biologist	Animal Encounter	Jr. Marine Biologist	Marine Biology 101 (K-5)
				All About Dolphins		
<b>6 – 8 AM</b>	Ocean Guardians	Animal Care & Behavior	Marine Zoology	Ocean Guardians	Animal Care & Behavior	Career Connection (6-12)
					Marine Zoology	
<b>9 – 12 AM</b>	Advanced Marine Biology	Career Wayfinders	Advanced Marine Biology	Field Scientist	Career Wayfinders	Career Connection (6-12)
<b>K – 3 PM</b>	Aqua Artists	Mythical Manatees	Mini Marine Biologists	Aqua Artists	Mini Marine Biologist	
<b>2 – 3 PM</b>	Sea Spies	Flippers, Flukes, & Feathers	Sea Spies	Undersea Adventurers	Sea Spies	
<b>4 – 5 PM</b>	Marine Mysteries	Adapting Adventures	Marine Mysteries	Ocean Warriors	Marine Mysteries	
				Adapting Adventures		
<b>6 – 8 PM</b>	Deep Sea Scientist	Coastal Ecology	Marine Animal Veterinarian	Coastal Ecology	Marine Animal Veterinarian	
					Coastal Ecology	
<b>9 – 12 PM</b>	Advanced Marine Biology	Marine Life Rescue	Advanced Marine Biology	Ocean Investigation	Marine Life Rescue	

# AFTERNOON CAMPS

1:00pm – 4:00pm



# TESTIMONIALS

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**

We had three children attend camp and all of them really enjoyed the classroom learning and projects as well as their experiences on the water.

**Helping Hands Parent 2023**

The counselors were so much fun and my kids felt so comfortable and confident with them! Amazing experience!

**Advanced Marine Biology Parent 2023**

This was literally the happiest I have ever seen my daughter in all her 17 years. She even took me to Sand Key before we left town to show me all the cool sea critters she saw while on an excursion with camp. This mom of a future marine biologist is forever grateful to CMA for providing such a fun and educational experience.

**Field Scientist Parent 2022**

This was her 2nd year at CMA camp and she is already talking about next year. I am always so impressed by the staff and how they teach so much to the kids while they are having fun.

**Undersea Adventurers Parent 2022**

Great camp! Loved seeing my daughter come home so excited about ocean life. She learned so much, is more aware about respecting animals in their homes and we could not be happier.

**Helping Hands Parent 2022**

This was our first time attending camp and we will be signing up for more than one week next summer. Our daughter has a love for Marine Biology and the experience she had with the teachers and staff just confirmed her passion. Thank you all so much for the hard work and dedication you put into making these camps fun, safe and educational for all of the kids.

**Jr. Maine Biologist Parent 2021**

My daughter had such a great time and learned so much. We have been coming to CMA since she was 8 and watched the first movie about Winter. Her dream is to be a marine biologist and work at CMA. This week confirmed for her that this is what she wants to do. She loved everything about the camp!

**Field Scientist Parent 2021**

It was one of the best hands-on experiences my daughter has participated in.

**Ocean Warrior Camp Parent 2019**

If they have not experienced this program before they should certainly check it out!

**Fur and Fins Camp Parent 2019**

I heard my daughter speak more about what she learned in the three hours she was there daily than in her whole year of school. She actually retained what she was hearing and learning and would share that knowledge with us. It was great!

**Student Career Shadow Camp Parent 2019**

I just wanted to say "thank you" for another great week at camp. We travel from Long Island, NY for this camp and my daughter loves every minute of it!

**Helping Hands Camp Parent 2018**

Great snorkeling experiences; very good counselors who provided fun educational activities; overall an awesome 5 day experience!

**Terrific Turtles Parent 2018**

We had three children attend camp and all of them really enjoyed the classroom learning and projects as well as their experiences on the water.

**Terrific Turtles Parent 2018**

The staff was extremely friendly and knowledgeable. My daughter had the best hands-on experience. She cannot wait to attend next year.

**Jr. Marine Biologist Parent 2018**

# REFUND POLICY

Refunds on camp payments will be processed once written notification has been submitted by emailing the Supervisor of Conservation Education Programs at [camps@cmaquarium.org](mailto:camps@cmaquarium.org). In the event of a cancellation, an 80% refund will be issued if the written cancellation request is received 15 days or more before the first day of camp. Cancellations within 14 to 5 days prior to the camp start will receive a partial refund of 50% of the total cost. Cancellations 4-0 days prior to the camp start will NOT receive a refund.

Full or partial refunds will NOT be issued to summer campers who attend one or more days of camp. Make-up days will not be offered for absences from camp.

Clearwater Marine Aquarium reserves the right to separate or combine camps. 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 the camp, the camp will be canceled and full refunds, or rescheduling, will be conducted.

# INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

Florida is prone to thunderstorms, tropical storms, red tide, and even hurricanes. There may be times when normal camp schedules need to be altered due to inclement weather or unsafe water conditions, such as extremely high tides rendering the water unsuitable for snorkeling. In these instances, Clearwater Marine Aquarium has indoor classroom activities planned for campers. For camps which include snorkeling, traveling, kayaking, or any other outdoor activities (including animal encounters), we will adjust our outdoor schedules in the event of inclement weather or water conditions for the safety of our campers. We will make every effort to resume normal camp schedules on inclement weather days as soon as possible. Since Clearwater Marine Aquarium does not have control over inclement weather or water conditions, we cannot guarantee that campers scheduled in these camps will snorkel, travel, kayak, or participate in an outdoor activity every day. Therefore, we will not issue full or partial refunds due to inclement weather.

In the event of a hurricane or other event in which the Aquarium may be subject to closure, please check [cmaquarium.org](http://cmaquarium.org) for information on camp operation.





# CAMP SAFETY

We continue to evolve our protocols as we receive information and recommendations from governmental agencies that include, but are not limited to, 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 recommendations. 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 provided during registration. If your child will be picked up by someone not provided during the initial registration, you will need to notify Clearwater Marine Aquarium staff in person during check-in or by emailing [camps@cmaquarium.org](mailto:camps@cmaquarium.org). If you fail to notify staff prior to pick up, there may be a delay as Education staff will need to contact the authorized parents/guardians to confirm authorization.

In addition, all persons, bags, parcels, and other items may be subject to screening/security checks upon arrival at camp. No weapons of any kind, bicycles, skateboards, recreational scooters, skates, glass containers, or balloons are permitted at CMA for the safety of our guests, animals, and staff. For a full list of prohibited items and activities, please visit our Aquarium Rules page. Campers are encouraged to bring clear bags in order to reduce wait times during check-in.

# BOAT & KAYAK SAFETY

As per the United States Coast Guard, life jackets are not mandatory on Clearwater Marine Aquarium vessels, but they are available for camps with snorkeling and boating activities. Snorkeling vests will be provided to each camper, and if you prefer your camper to wear a life jacket during snorkeling, kindly inform the camp teacher during sign-in. Our camp boats adhere to Coast Guard certification, equipped with railings and essential safety features. Clearwater Marine Aquarium staff are trained in first aid and CPR. For snorkeling camps, campers will always have access to standing water, and prior snorkeling experience is not required.

During kayaking sessions, our Camp Teachers deliver instruction on basic kayaking techniques and equipment to summer campers. Our priority is to create a supportive and enjoyable environment on the water. For safety, all kayakers are mandated to wear life jackets throughout the activity.

