



EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS

FALL 2025 – SUMMER 2026



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ABOUT CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM



**HOURS OF
OPERATION**
10am – 5pm daily*

*Call to confirm times

DIVE INTO DISCOVERY WITH CMA'S MARINE ACADEMY

The Marine Academy at Clearwater Marine Aquarium is dedicated to inspiring learners of all ages to appreciate the world's aquatic biodiversity while promoting conservation action and empowering future generations to make a difference. Learners engage in an immersive and interactive marine science-focused curriculum developed by Clearwater Marine Aquarium educators, biologists, researchers, and animal care providers. As a participant in this unique learning experience, students have an opportunity to discover topics in marine science and conservation, with a unique perspective from a working marine animal hospital and the industry experts who work there.

The Marine Academy offers robust programming onsite at the Aquarium in our R.O. Jacobson Education Center including summer camps, field trip classroom programs, guided tours, boat tours, career exploration programs, and team-building opportunities. Bring the Marine Academy into your facility with after-school programming, guest speakers, and in-class programs. Our educators can create custom programming specifically designed to fulfill your facility's educational goals. The Marine Academy also offers virtual tours of CMA guided by a marine biologist.



Clearwater Marine Aquarium is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

We believe in preserving our environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of marine life; environmental education; research; and conservation.

- Clearwater Marine Aquarium is not just an aquarium; it's a fully operational marine animal hospital dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of marine life.
- In 2020, Clearwater Marine Aquarium expanded its educational outreach by opening the Richard O. Jacobson Education Center, which features six state-of-the-art classrooms.
- In 1984, Clearwater Marine Aquarium made history by successfully rehabilitating the first dolphin to survive a stranding in Florida. Sunset Sam remained a beloved resident until 2001.
- Clearwater Marine Aquarium plays a crucial role in responding to cetacean (dolphins and whales), manatee, and sea turtle strandings in the Gulf of Mexico and the greater Florida region. Its response areas include Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, and Levy counties.
- Since joining the Southeast Region Stranding Network in 1979, Clearwater Marine Aquarium's Rescue Team has responded to over 600 stranded cetaceans and more than 1,600 sea turtles.
- For over 30 years, Clearwater Marine Aquarium has been actively involved in the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of more than 40 North American river otters.
- Clearwater Marine Aquarium's "Summer with Winter" Summer Camp Program was voted Nickelodeon's Best Day Camp in 2009.
- Each summer, Clearwater Marine Aquarium's Sea Turtle Conservation Team surveys approximately 21 miles of nesting beach, contributing significantly to sea turtle conservation efforts.

GROUP VISITS & FIELD TRIPS



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PLAN YOUR NEXT FIELD TRIP WITH US!

Bring your group to Clearwater Marine Aquarium for an unforgettable learning experience! Group visits are self-guided — the group admission rate does not include a marine biologist, tour guide, or educator.

EDUCATIONAL GROUP ADMISSION (SCHOOLS AND HOMESCHOOL CO-OPS ONLY)

\$9.95 per person (Teachers receive free admission with a valid teacher ID). Additional educational group admission rate requires a minimum of 10 people. *Special pricing may be available for Title 1 schools. Please contact us at 727.441.1790 ext. 2262.* **Please note: We require a minimum ratio of 1 adult chaperone for every 10 students. Chaperones must supervise their students at all times while inside Clearwater Marine Aquarium.**

EDUCATIONAL SELF-GUIDED ACTIVITY (ANY GROUP VISITS)

While we highly recommend our guided tours, scavenger hunts, and classroom programs, we also offer a free self-guided map activity to help you explore the aquarium at your own pace. Request your map activity by emailing educordinator@cm aquarium.org, or we can print it for you for just \$1.00 per activity sheet. Don't forget to bring your pencils and clipboards for a fun and educational adventure!

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE ADD-ONS

Select from the experiences below to have a marine biologist lead your group through engaging activities and lessons, deepening your connection to CMA's mission. **To schedule a group visit with a program, call 727-441-1790 x2262. If your group exceeds the maximum capacity, consecutive back-to-back sessions can be arranged to accommodate larger groups.**

EDUCATIONAL CLASSROOM PROGRAMS (ANY GROUP VISITS)

Enhance your field trip experience by visiting our Marine Academy Education Center and adding an educational classroom program. Due to limited class space, only one adult per ten children is allowed in the classroom during the program. Additional chaperones, parents, and siblings of students are welcome to tour Clearwater Marine Aquarium during the program if they purchase admission. *Payment to confirm your booking must be received two weeks in advance.*

AVAILABLE: Year-round

DURATION: 45-60 minutes

PRICE:

\$5.00 per participant + admission

GROUP SIZE:

Minimum of 10 and a maximum of 50

EDUCATIONAL GUIDED TOURS & SCAVENGER HUNTS (ANY GROUP VISITS)

Strengthen your teamwork skills and uncover the secrets of animal adaptations with a biologist-led scavenger hunt, where your group will work together to solve clues and discover how animals survive and thrive. Or, join us for a guided tour of our working marine animal hospital to learn about our resident animals from a marine biologist. Payment must be received at least two weeks prior to your visit.

AVAILABLE: Year-round

DURATION: 45-60 minutes

PRICE:

\$5.00 per participant + admission

GROUP SIZE:

Minimum of 10 and a maximum of 60

HOLDS, RESERVATIONS, & PAYMENT

Temporary Hold: If you have specific dates and arrival/departure times for your visit, we can place a temporary hold on the requested programming, subject to availability. A temporary hold must be confirmed in writing at least one month prior to the visit. If confirmation is not received within this time frame, the educational program will be canceled, but school group admission to the aquarium will remain available.

Reservations & Payment: Reservations are not considered complete until payment for the educational classroom program, scavenger hunt, and/or guided tours is received. Please ensure all details are finalized and payments are made within the specified timeframes to guarantee your experience at Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

- **Payment for Admission:** Admission can be paid by check or credit card on the day of your visit. **Groups receiving the educational group admission rate must check in together, and the order must be fully paid in one transaction. If payment is not made in one transaction, standard admission rates will apply.**
- **Payment for Educational Programs:** Payment for educational classroom programs, scavenger hunts, and/or guided tours is due at the time of booking and must be completed at least two weeks in advance. Programs are not guaranteed until payment has been processed.

Refunds for Program Cancellations: Full refunds will be issued for cancellations made 14 or more calendar days prior to the scheduled program date. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received 13 or fewer calendar days before the scheduled program date. This includes cancellations or adjustments to the number of participants resulting in fewer than the originally paid amount.

Refunds for Admission: Refunds for admission can be processed up until your group has checked in. No full or partial refunds will be issued to participants who have entered the aquarium.

READY TO BOOK A FIELD TRIP?



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We're excited to help you plan your visit to Clearwater Marine Aquarium! This guide provides all the information your group's teachers and/or leaders need to have an exceptional experience. We look forward to welcoming you to our aquarium for an unforgettable day!

1. Choose Your Visit Date, Time & Programs

Start by selecting your date and time for admission into the aquarium. If you'd like to enhance your field trip, review the available biologist-led aquarium programs (page 5), classroom programs (pages 6-7), and boat programs (page 8). You can book multiple programs on the same day but may need to have rotating groups through different activities to accommodate the maximum capacities of each program. When planning, be sure to leave time for lunch, and we recommend setting aside 30-45 minutes at the end of your visit for exploration and exit time. You can design your own trip or choose from our combo options below:

COMBO OPTIONS

Admission & Biologist-Led Classroom Program: \$14.95 per student

Includes admission to Clearwater Marine Aquarium and a classroom program with a marine biologist. Choose from a range of marine science topics with one of the classroom programs from pages 6-7.

Admission & Biologist-Led Guided Tour: \$14.95 per participant

Includes admission to Clearwater Marine Aquarium and a 60-minute guided tour led by a marine biologist, showcasing CMA's mission of rescue, rehab, and release through our resident animal's stories.

Admission & Marine Biology Scavenger Hunt: \$14.95 per student

Includes admission to Clearwater Marine Aquarium and a 60-minute scavenger hunt focusing on animal adaptations, followed by a wrap-up discussion with a marine biologist.

Admission, Biologist-Led Guided Tour, & Biologist-Led Classroom Program: \$18.95 per student

Includes admission to Clearwater Marine Aquarium, a 60-minute guided tour, and a classroom program. Choose from a range of marine science topics with one of the classroom programs from pages 6-7.

Admission, Scavenger Hunt, & Biologist-Led Classroom Program: \$18.95 per student

Includes admission to Clearwater Marine Aquarium, a scavenger hunt, and a classroom program led by a marine biologist. Choose from a range of marine science topics with one of the classroom programs from pages 6-7.

Note: Due to limited class space, only 1 adult per 10 children is permitted in the classroom during the program. Additional chaperones, parents, and siblings are welcome to explore the aquarium with purchased admission. Combo pricing excludes the "Look Inside The Squid" program.

2. Place a Temporary Hold on Your Date

Once you have a general idea of what you would like to book and an approximate group size, the next step is to place a temporary hold on your date. *Please keep in mind that your group's add-on programs are not fully booked until payment is received for the programs.* To place a temporary hold, contact us by:

- Phone: Call 727-441-1790 x2262
- Email: Send a message to educordinator@cmaaquarium.org

3. Secure Your Reservation & Payment

To confirm your program reservation, payment for educational classroom programs, guided tours, and eco-boat tours must be received at least two weeks in advance. Payment for general admission can be completed upon arrival on the day of your field trip. *To receive the educational group admission rate, all children and adults must reserve tickets in advance, and the entire group must be present for entry into the building. Groups eligible for the educational group rate must pay for all tickets in a single transaction. If payment is not made in one transaction, standard admission rates will apply.*

4. Prepare for Your Visit

Check out our NEW Marine Academy Field Trip Help Center to make sure everything goes smoothly for you, your students, and chaperones during your visit to CMA. The Field Trip Help Center includes important information such as:

- ✓ Group Behavior Contract: Must be signed at least 24 hours prior to your group's visit.
- ✓ Drop-off & Parking Maps: Download for your chaperones or bus driver to help with arrival.
- ✓ Lunch Information: Details on where to buy lunch or store your pre-packed lunches.
- ✓ And more!



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BIOLOGIST-LED AQUARIUM PROGRAMS



Enrich your visit with a guided tour or scavenger hunt to get an insider's look into Clearwater Marine Aquarium! Aquarium admission is an additional fee and required to participate in these programs. Please call the Education Team at 727.441.1790 ext. 2262 to book.

BIOLOGIST-LED GUIDED TOUR

Join us for an educational guided tour led by a knowledgeable marine biologist at Clearwater Marine Aquarium! Dive deep into the work that is done at a marine animal hospital and get an insider's look into our resident animal's rescue stories. Gain a deeper understanding of the vital conservation efforts that everyone can contribute to. With our marine biologist as your guide, this immersive tour promises an unforgettable experience that will leave you inspired and awestruck by the wonders of the marine world.

AVAILABLE: Year-round
DURATION: 45-60 minutes

PRICE: \$5.00 per participant + admission
GROUP SIZE: Minimum of 10 and a maximum of 60 (consecutive sessions can be offered back to back to accommodate groups larger than 60).

MARINE BIOLOGY SCAVENGER HUNT

Embark on an exhilarating scavenger hunt at Clearwater Marine Aquarium! A marine biologist will send you on a thrilling quest to discover the wonders of marine life. Work in groups to boost your team spirit as you search for answers and track down clues about amazing animal adaptations. Explore CMA and dive deeper into the captivating world of marine biology on this unforgettable adventure!

AVAILABLE: Year-round
DURATION: 60 minutes

PRICE: \$5.00 per participant + admission
GROUP SIZE: Minimum of 10 and a maximum of 60 (consecutive sessions can be offered back to back to accommodate groups larger than 60).



BIOLOGIST-LED CLASSROOM PROGRAMS



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AVAILABLE: Year-round

PRICE:

\$5.00 per participant + admission

DURATION: Pre-K to 3rd Grade: 45 minutes

GROUP SIZE:

Minimum of 10 and a maximum of 50 (consecutive sessions can be offered back to back to accommodate groups larger than 50).

4th Grade to Adult: 60 minutes

PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND UP SELECTIONS

TERRIFIC TURTLES (PRE-K-5TH GRADE)

Learn about turtle anatomy, behavior, and the differences between tortoises, terrapins, and sea turtles. Understand and explore their unique adaptations, commonalities, and differences. Find out what makes these shelled reptiles so special. Learn about our residents and visit with CMA's Russian tortoise ambassador.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: Pre-K, K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th

MAKE WAY FOR MANATEES (PRE-K-8TH GRADE)

Investigate Florida's state marine mammal - the manatee! Learn about manatee eating habits and about their various environments. Discover the dangers they face and ways we all can help support their populations.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: Pre-K, K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th

MARINE BIOLOGY 101 (K-12TH GRADE)

Learn marine biology 101 as you climb the phylogenetic tree and get an introduction to some of the animals that call Clearwater Marine Aquarium home. Discuss animal adaptations and strategies necessary for survival in different habitats. Examine the life cycles, environment, and feeding methodologies of various marine animals using touch to explore biofacts and live touch tank invertebrates.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th

OPERATION WINTER'S TAIL (K-12TH GRADE)

Learn about the chemical, biological, physical, and mathematical processes behind the most famous tail in the world. Explore Winter's legacy and the Hanger Clinic's process of creating a tail for an orphaned dolphin injured in a crab trap line. Though Winter is no longer with us, discover the dangers animals face due to human activities and get inspired to keep our oceans clean, recycle, and advocate for better fishing practices.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th

RESCUE RESPONDERS (K-12TH GRADE)

Discover how Clearwater Marine Aquarium's rescue response team works to fulfill our mission of rescue, rehabilitation, and release.

Focus on anatomy and conservation as your students transform into mini-rescue biologists watching over their rescued marine mammals. In addition, learn about the role CMA plays in the rescues of many other species, including manatees, and how we can all work together to protect and preserve these species!

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th



BIOLOGIST-LED CLASSROOM PROGRAMS



MIDDLE SCHOOL AND UP SELECTIONS

AQUARIST ADVENTURE (6TH GRADE-12TH GRADE)

Explore the dynamic link between chemistry and biology with Clearwater Marine Aquarium! Discover firsthand the critical role of daily water quality testing in ensuring the well-being of our resident animals. Students will engage in hands-on learning as they conduct real laboratory tests, gaining practical insights into the abiotic factors that are essential for supporting the lives of our rescued and resident marine animals.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: 6th-8th, 9th-12th

INVESTIGATE DOLPHIN RESEARCH (6TH GRADE-12TH GRADE)

Explore how scientists investigate the natural world through examples of dolphin research. Step into the role of a dolphin researcher as students learn about Clearwater Marine Aquarium's efforts to better understand the wild population of dolphins in our surrounding area through dorsal fin identification.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: 6th-8th, 9th-12th

LOOK INSIDE THE SQUID! (6TH GRADE-12TH GRADE)

Join us as we explore the internal and external anatomy of a squid as you participate in an interactive dissection. Learn about the special adaptations these creatures possess to help them survive and hunt in the dark. Discover the important role that squid play in the food chain and which animals enjoy squid as a part of their diet here at CMA! ***This program is \$8.00 per student.***

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: 6th-8th, 9th-12th

SEA YOUR FUTURE: CAREERS AT THE AQUARIUM (6TH GRADE-12TH GRADE)

Dive into an exciting journey with an exclusive look at aquarium careers. Learn about Clearwater Marine Aquarium's research and conservation programs, education initiatives, and animal husbandry. Discover the various paths you can take to work at a fully operational marine animal hospital and start planning your future in marine biology!

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: 6th-8th, 9th-12th



BIOLOGIST-LED BOAT PROGRAMS



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Enhance your group's visit with an educational eco-boat tour. Explore our local bay, learn about the estuarine ecosystem, and look for wildlife! Aquarium admission is separate and is an additional fee. Tour duration and availability may vary. Please call the Education Team at 727.441.1790 ext. 2262 to book. CMA is an Authorized Water Vessel Commercial Carrier through the Pinellas County School Board.

ECO ED-VENTURES BOAT TOUR

Embark on an unforgettable voyage of marine discovery aboard a Clearwater Marine Aquarium boat! Our immersive marine science curriculum invites students to explore the wonders of the ocean. Explore Clearwater Bay as we look at the estuary environment and make observations about the animals that call an estuary home. Led by a marine biologist, students will learn about marine ecosystems and how to protect them, fostering a deep understanding and appreciation for the precious underwater world. **Exclusively for educational groups.**

AVAILABLE: Year-round **PRICE:** \$300 per boat
DURATION: 60 minutes **GROUP SIZE:** Maximum 40 participants per boat; additional tours may be available for larger groups

CHARTERED DOLPHIN & WILDLIFE BOAT TOUR

Explore Clearwater Bay during this 60-minute eco-boat cruise. Learn about members of our local dolphin population, travel around a bird sanctuary island, and view seasonal local wildlife.

Educational Group \$300 per boat; Non-Educational Group \$600 per boat
Maximum 40 participants per boat; additional tours may be available for larger groups

CHARTERED SEA LIFE SAFARI BOAT TOUR

Join us for a 90-minute scenic eco-boat cruise around our local estuary. Be a part of citizen science, and observe data collection in action, as we perform a net pull and conduct a "show and tell" onboard of sea creatures found in the grass beds and sand flats of the bay. Get your feet wet at a local shell island and collect seashells.* See local wildlife above and below the water!

**Island stop may be canceled due to weather or inaccessibility, and boat routes may be altered by captain at any time.*

AVAILABLE: Year-round **PRICE:** Educational Group \$375 per boat; Non-Educational Group \$750 per boat
DURATION: 90 minutes **GROUP SIZE:** Maximum 40 participants per boat; additional tours may be available for larger groups

PRIVATE SNORKELING TOUR

Hop aboard Clearwater Marine Aquarium's boat for an immersive snorkeling experience in the protected waters of Clearwater Bay. Your group will have the opportunity to get up close with local intertidal animals, including sea urchins, crabs, sea stars, and snails. This program is customized for each age group, ensuring you stay within standing-depth water for a safe and engaging experience. Guests must bring their own snorkeling gear, closed-toe water shoes, and towels. *Participants must be at least 5 years old to join the snorkeling adventure. This adventure is dependent on weather and water conditions.*

AVAILABLE: Seasonally **PRICE:** \$25 per person
DURATION: 120 minutes **GROUP SIZE:** Minimum 15 and maximum 40 participants per boat; additional tours may be available for larger groups

PRIVATE KAYAKING TOUR

Take your group on an unforgettable kayaking adventure led by a marine biologist. Paddle through local waterways while identifying wildlife and coastal ecosystems up close. We provide kayaks, paddles, life jackets, and expert guides to ensure a safe and educational experience. Guests must bring their own closed-toe water shoes and a towel. Single and tandem kayaks are available. *Any participants 7-10 years old must be accompanied by an adult (18 or older) in a double kayak. This adventure is dependent on weather and water conditions.*

AVAILABLE: Seasonally **PRICE:** \$45 per person
DURATION: 120 minutes **GROUP SIZE:** Maximum 15 per tour; additional tours may be available for larger groups



OUTREACH PRESENTATIONS



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CMA's Outreach Programs are designed with your classroom in mind. These programs provide students with hands-on learning opportunities to enrich their educational experience. Expand upon daily classroom curriculum with a visit from one of CMA's Biologists.

AVAILABLE: Year-round

GROUP SIZE: Maximum of 50 students per session

DURATION: Year-round

PRICE: Programs are \$100 for the first session and \$75 for each additional session scheduled on the same day at the same location. A mileage fee will be applied per round trip from Clearwater Marine Aquarium to your location, in addition to the program fee. **The presentation site must be within 40 miles of Clearwater Marine Aquarium.** If you are located outside of this range, please reach out for a virtual field trip as an alternative to an in-person presentation.

OUTREACH PROGRAM SELECTIONS

DEEP DIVE INTO CMA: A WORKING MARINE ANIMAL HOSPITAL (K-ADULT)

Dive deep into our mission: preserving our environment and inspiring the human spirit through leadership in marine life rescue, rehabilitation, release, environmental education, research, and conservation. Immerse yourself in videos showcasing recent rescue efforts and witness firsthand the expansion of our aquarium. Uncover exciting career opportunities at a dynamic working marine animal hospital and set your sights on a future dedicated to oceanic stewardship and discovery!

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: K-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th, Adult

DOLPHIN DEPUTIES (PRE-K-5TH GRADE)

Students discover the positive and negative impact humans can have on the oceans and coastal environments through the stories of our resident animal ambassadors. We will discuss ocean hazards and play "Scan your Can" - a recycling game that focuses on how sorting garbage can help save the planet. By the end of the program, each class member will be dubbed a "Dolphin Deputy."

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: Pre-K, K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th

READY TO RESCUE (K-ADULT)

How does our rescue team care for sick and injured marine life? Learn about the specialized care we provide for animals in need of assistance. Work together as a team to walk through the steps of a rescue with one of our marine biologists.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th, Adult

SEA TURTLE BIOLOGY & NESTING (PRE-K-ADULT)

CMA works to protect sea turtle nests up and down Pinellas County's coast. Learn all about the loggerhead sea turtle life cycle. Examine the anatomy of the sea turtle, including hands-on time with real turtle shells and skulls.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: Pre-K, K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th, Adult

NO BONES ABOUT IT (K-ADULT)

This program focuses on invertebrates. Learn all about the Gulf of Mexico's smaller inhabitants that call CMA home through this hands-on look at snails, crabs, and sea urchins. The program will focus on describing these animals using our five senses, comparing and contrasting locomotion modalities, and discussing survival adaptations. Participants can apply what they have learned by touching some of these creatures to see how these spineless animals have adapted to live on our ocean floor.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: K-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th, Adult



OUTREACH PROGRAM SELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

SHARK BIOLOGY & CONSERVATION (K-ADULT)

Get to know the ocean's most misunderstood carnivores by learning about their unique adaptations and role in the food chain. This program will also review major human threats to wild populations and ways that we can make shark-conscious decisions.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: K-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th, Adult

MANATEE MOMENTS (2ND GRADE-ADULT)

Discover a deeper understanding of the Florida manatee and the threats they face. Learn how scientists identify manatees while tracking their population's distribution throughout their environment. Explore the role that the CMA Research Institute plays in the conservation of the species through their research efforts in the U.S., Cuba, and Belize.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th, Adult



CORAL CONNECTIONS (4TH GRADE-ADULT)

Dive into the mesmerizing world of coral reefs and conservation with our educational program led by a marine biologist from Clearwater Marine Aquarium! Join us as we discuss the intricate lives of corals and learn about their vital role in marine ecosystems. Discover the challenges facing these fragile ecosystems and explore the innovative conservation efforts underway to protect them.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th, Adult

GUARDIANS OF THE SEA: HUMAN IMPACT ON MARINE WILDLIFE (9TH GRADE-ADULT)

Human activities can often be detrimental to wild animal health and survival. As a working marine animal hospital, Clearwater Marine Aquarium often aids in the rescue, rehab, and potential release of wildlife that has faced negative impacts of human actions. The program will use real-life stories of CMA hospital patients to share ways in which humans can make a positive change in the protection of marine animals.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: 9th-12th, Adult

MARINE MAMMAL BIOLOGY & CONSERVATION (9TH GRADE-ADULT) Learn all about Florida's favorite marine mammals – the bottlenose dolphin and the Florida manatee. In this program, a biologist will explore the basic biology and physiology of these animals as well as the ways humans can help conserve wild populations.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: 9th-12th, Adult



REAL-TIME VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

Join an a biologist for a virtual field trip including a Q and A session, aquarium tour, and view session with a resident animal. Groups can choose to virtually view a sea turtle or dolphin experience. Have all of your questions answered live and virtually tour around Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Participating groups may submit questions prior to the virtual field trip for our staff to answer during the session.

AVAILABLE: Year-round **AGE:** Pre-K-Adult

DURATION: 45 minutes **PRICE:** \$150



OUTREACH PROGRAM SERIES



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Dreaming of going on an ocean expedition or working at a marine animal hospital? CMA's recurring program series are designed to offer a multi-week educational experience that explore these possibilities and more. These programs are a great fit for after-school learning opportunities or summer camps looking to enrich their curriculum. Led by a CMA biologist, students will have the opportunity to take part in hands-on learning experiences and learn about a wide variety of topics in marine science. **Our education staff holds contractor badges for the Pinellas County school system. If your school requires additional screenings, please note that your institution will be responsible for covering the costs for at least two of our staff members to undergo the screening process.**

AVAILABLE: Year-round

DURATION: 45 minutes

GROUP SIZE:

Minimum of 10 and maximum of 15 per weekly session

PRICE:

\$15 per student PLUS mileage within 40 miles of Clearwater Marine Aquarium per week

SERIES PROGRAM SELECTIONS

OCEAN EXPLORATION (K-5TH GRADE)

Ever wonder what it would be like to lead an expedition and discover a new species? Discover the many ocean habitats found around the world, and learn about the animals that inhabit them with Clearwater Marine Aquarium's after-school program. Each week students will travel deeper and deeper into the ocean as they go on their very own ocean expedition. Design an exploration vehicle then create a creature that is adapted to the new environment. Get up close and personal with CMA touch tank invertebrates and biofacts as students learn about sea urchins, dolphins, sea turtles, and more during their exploration.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: K-2nd, 3rd-5th

TIDES OF TALENT (K-5TH GRADE)

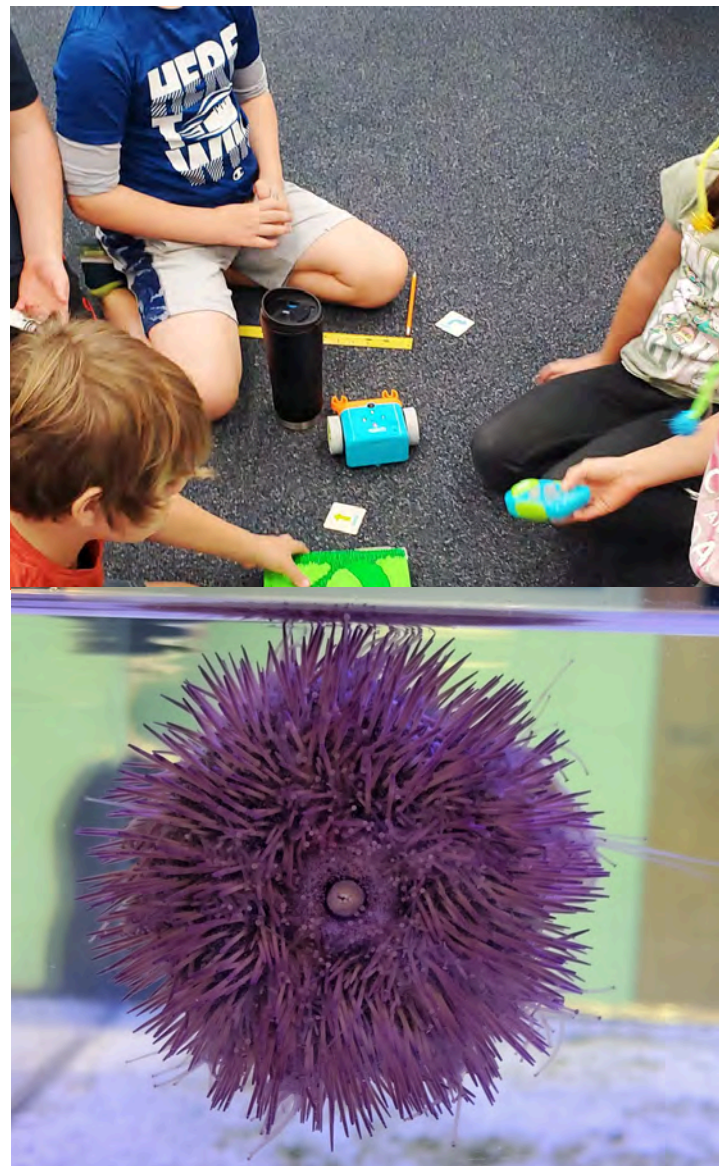
Animals have their own special talents called adaptations that help them to be well-suited to their environment. Explore marine animal adaptations with Clearwater Marine Aquarium's program series. Each week, a new animal's talent will be showcased through educational crafts and activities. Discover dancing seahorses and singing blue whales. Learn about CMA's resident animals and how they were able to make movie magic.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: K-2nd, 3rd-5th

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF... (6TH-12TH GRADE)

What is it like to work at a marine animal hospital? This after-school program will showcase the many different career paths within Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Students will explore a wide variety of beneficial skills and discover the next steps they should take if they want to pursue to careers in a working animal hospital. 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.

AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: 6th-8th, 9th-12th



BRING CMA TO YOUR EVENT OR SPACE WITH OUTREACH TABLING

Make a splash at your next event with an educational and interactive outreach table! Our marine biologists bring hands-on activities, real biofacts, and exciting educational games that engage guests of all ages. Whether it's a family day, STEM night, festival, or community fair, we bring the wonders of marine life to you—sparking curiosity and inspiring future ocean advocates. Book today and let us turn your event into a sea of discovery!



CONSERVATION CONNECTIONS

Unlock the power to make a difference for our planet!

Explore practical sustainability tips and inspiring rescue stories that show how small changes can lead to a big impact.

Get hands-on with an earth-friendly activity and take home a seed to start your own conservation journey!

Available for up to 100 visitors. Additional materials may be available upon request prior to the event.

\$50/hour



COASTAL CRITTERS

Get hands-on with **live** marine animals and biofacts as you explore the world of invertebrates and vertebrates! Discover the differences between bivalves and gastropods. Help hermit crabs and sea urchins find their perfect shells in an interactive printed maze on-site with a CMA biologist or take a maze home!

Available for up to 100 visitors, with additional maze copies available upon request prior to the event!

\$50/hour



MARVELOUS MANATEES

Dive into the world of the Florida manatee! Learn about the threats manatees face, such as pollution and habitat loss, and discover the conservation efforts in place to protect them. Fall in love with these incredible creatures and create your own manatee bookmark to take home.

Available for up to 100 visitors, with additional bookmark materials available upon request prior to the event!

\$50/hour

**LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO BRING MARINE SCIENCE TO YOUR EVENT?
CONTACT US TO EXPLORE ALL THE EXCITING OPTIONS AVAILABLE!**

In addition to our featured programs, we offer interactive tabling experiences on sharks, microplastics, sea turtles, and more! Dive into engaging hands-on activities, real biofacts, and expert-led discussions tailored to your audience.



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educordinator@cmaquarium.org

TRASH-TO-TOYS



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Join Clearwater Marine Aquarium for our annual Trash-to-Toys competition! Using recyclable items from your classroom, classes can compete to create a green toy to enrich our resident dolphins in honor of Earth Day.

APPROPRIATE MATERIAL EXAMPLES

- Paper products
- Water bottles
- Caps
- Soda cans
- Egg cartons
- Plastics #1-7
- Cardboard
- Other recyclable materials

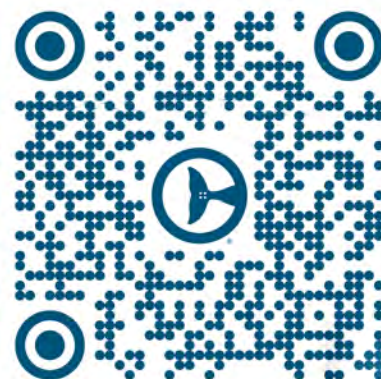
INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL EXAMPLES

- Pool toys
- Inflatable toys
- Pool noodles
- Stuffed animals
- Hula hoops
- Beads
- Other pre-made toys

CONTEST RULES

1. This competition is open to all public and private schools in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.
2. Only one toy per class may be submitted for the competition. If you wish to submit more than one toy per class, clearly indicate which toy is for the competition and which ones are for display only.
3. The drop-off date for your toy must be between April 1, 2026, and April 10, 2026, before 5 pm. Prior to dropping off your toy, you must email camps@cmaquarium.org to arrange a drop-off time with the Education Department.
4. All toys must adhere to the following guidelines:
 - a. Toys must be at least 1 foot in length.
 - b. All parts must be securely fitted together using only non-toxic tape, like duct tape, or hot glue.
 - c. If you are painting your toy, you can only non-toxic paints (most acrylics).
 - d. Toys must have no sharp or protruding edges and must not contain any items that are on the "inappropriate materials list".
 - e. All toys should contain mainly RECYCLABLE materials (excluding duct tape).
Duct tape should be primarily used to attach items together.
5. Entries that do not meet the qualifications and/or contain any inappropriate materials will be disqualified.

ENTER HERE:



sites.google.com/view/trash-to-toys-competition

PUBLIC PROGRAM CALENDAR



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Get ready for a year of exciting educational programs at CMA!

This calendar highlights the dates for each public programs hosted by our Education Team, offering opportunities for all ages—from Pre-K to high school. Some programs are designed for the whole family, while others are drop-off experiences for kids and teens. Be sure to visit cmaquarium.org for full details on each event. These programs are open to everyone, but spots are limited—register early so you don't miss the wave!

SEPTEMBER 2025

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DROP-OFF PROGRAMS

- ★ Night at the Aquarium – For 5-10 year olds
- ♦ Junior Career Quest – For 4th-6th graders
- Career Exploration – For 7th-12th graders

FAMILY PROGRAMS

- Homeschool Hangouts – New themes each session!
- ♥ Pre-K Pod Pals – New themes each session!
- Spring Break Family Adventures

PLEASE NOTE: Pre-registration is required for these events and may close before the scheduled event. A minimum number of participants is needed per session; if the minimum is not met, we will reschedule or issue a full refund.

NIGHT AT THE AQUARIUM

KATE TIEDEMANN & ELLEN COTTON
MAIN POOL AND WINDOW OF WONDER



Join us for a night of fun and learning, where the aquarium comes to life with captivating stories and hands-on activities designed to ignite curiosity and inspire a love for the ocean. This special event invites kids ages 5-10 to explore the wonders of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium like never before!

REGISTER AT CMAQUARIUM.ORG

DATES:


September 19, 2025
November 24, 2025
December 22, 2025
February 14, 2026
March 20, 2026

AGES: 5-10 years old

PRICE: \$20 per child

TIME: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: Pre-registration is required and closes 48 hours before the event. A minimum number of participants is needed per session; if the minimum is not met, we will reschedule or issue a full refund. This is a drop-off program for children ages 5-10 only.



JUNIOR CAREER QUEST

Are you a budding marine scientist? This experience provides an inside look at aquarium careers for students that are 4th through 6th grade. Participate in hands-on activities that showcase the rescue, rehabilitation, and release work that CMA does. Learn about different paths that you can take to achieve your marine science career goals.



DATES:

November 26, 2025

December 30, 2025

February 21, 2026

April 11, 2026

May 16, 2026

**AGES: Current 4th-6th
Grade Students**

PRICING: \$20 per student

**TIME: 10:00 AM
to 12:00 PM**



REGISTER AT CMAQUARIUM.ORG

PLEASE NOTE: Pre-registration is required and closes 48 hours before the event. A minimum number of participants is needed per session; if the minimum is not met, we will reschedule or issue a full refund. This is a drop-off program for children currently in 4th-6th grade only.

CAREER EXPLORATION

Join us for our Career Exploration Program!

This experience provides an inside look at aquarium careers. Meet aquarium personnel, participate in activities, and explore behind the scenes. Learn about Clearwater Marine Aquarium's research and conservation programs, education, and animal husbandry.

DATES:

November 26, 2025

December 30, 2025

February 21, 2026

April 11, 2026

May 16, 2026

AGES: Current 7th-12th
Grade Students

PRICING: \$50 per student

TIME: 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

REGISTER AT CMAQUARIUM.ORG

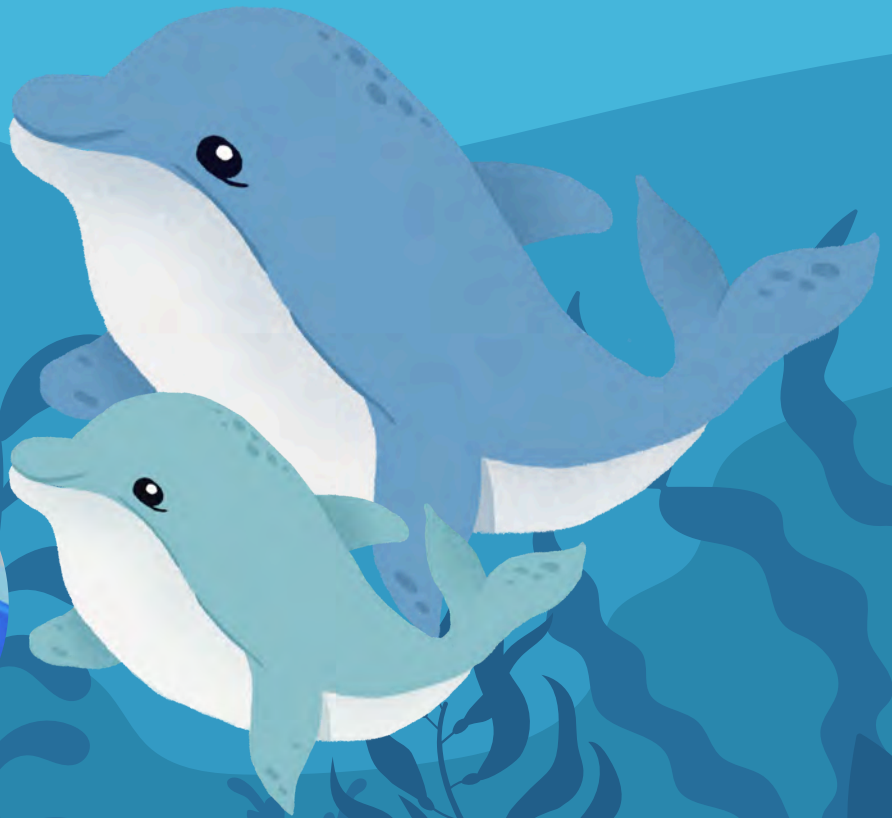
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PRE-K POOD PALS



Join us for Pre-K Pod Pals– a fun and educational morning program at Clearwater Marine Aquarium for parents and kids aged 3 to 5 years old! Activities will include classroom activities that explore the Florida pre-kindergarten standards, interactive games, and fun facts about the animal of the month.

AGES: 3-5 years old with an adult

PRICE: \$10 per child; \$5 per adult

DATES: The first Tuesday of each month from September through May.

TIME: 10:30 am to 11:15 am

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HOMESCHOOL HANGOUTS

LOOKING FOR A FUN AND EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR HOMESCHOOLING FAMILY?

Join us for Homeschool Hangouts, where learning comes to life! On select dates, enjoy a special package designed just for homeschoolers. Choose from a classroom-based learning adventure, a boat-based excursion, or both for an unforgettable day of marine discovery. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to explore, learn, and make a splash with us!



SEPTEMBER
25
2025

ALL ABOUT MARINE BIOLOGY

CLASSROOM PROGRAM: Join us for Marine Biology 101, which features hands-on time with biofacts & invertebrates.

BOAT PROGRAM: Hop aboard the 60-minute Eco Ed-Ventures Boat Tour where you can explore Clearwater Bay & observe wildlife in the estuary.



FEBRUARY
12
2026

MARINE MAMMAL MANIA

CLASSROOM PROGRAM: Come explore Make Way for Manatees, where you'll learn about manatees and conservation efforts.

BOAT PROGRAM: Set off on a 60-minute Dolphin & Wildlife tour through Clearwater Bay, learning about local dolphins and seasonal wildlife.



MAY
7
2026

TIDES & TURTLES

CLASSROOM PROGRAM: Dive into Terrific Turtles and discover their unique adaptations while meeting CMA's Russian tortoise ambassador.

BOAT PROGRAM: Get your feet wet with a Snorkeling Adventure, exploring Clearwater Bay's intertidal zone up close!

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SPRING BREAK

FAMILY ADVENTURES



SPRING INTO FUN WITH CMA!

SNORKEL ADVENTURE: Make it a day of discovery and family fun in Clearwater Bay! This unforgettable adventure begins with a scenic boat ride, leading to a hands-on snorkeling experience where you'll meet incredible intertidal creatures like sea urchins, crabs, sea stars, and snails. After exploring the bay, the fun continues with admission to Clearwater Marine Aquarium. It's the perfect way to spend the day together—creating memories and making the most of your family's time by the water!

DATES: March 17 & 19, 2026

AGES: 5-17 years old with a participating adult

PRICE: \$50 per person (includes admission to Clearwater Marine Aquarium at the end of the program for participants)

KAYAK ADVENTURE: Gear up for a family-friendly kayaking adventure in Clearwater Bay! Paddle through winding mangrove trails and hidden finger islands as our expert guides help you spot local wildlife and explore unique coastal ecosystems. We provide the kayaks, paddles, life jackets, and expert guidance—you just bring your sense of adventure, closed-toe water shoes, and a towel! After your paddle, keep the exploration going with included admission to Clearwater Marine Aquarium for a full day of coastal discovery. Single and tandem kayaks are available for booking online, so grab the family and get ready for an unforgettable day on the water!

DATE: March 18, 2026

AGES: 7-17 years old with a participating adult

PRICE: \$50 per person (includes admission to Clearwater Marine Aquarium at the end of the program for participants)

REGISTER AT [CMAQUARIUM.ORG](https://cmaquarium.org)

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**JUNE 1 - AUGUST 7, 2026 · WEEKLY HALF & FULL DAY CAMPS
K-12TH GRADE · SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

Make a splash this summer at Clearwater Marine Aquarium's 2026 Marine Science Camps! Snorkel through seagrass beds, kayak across estuaries, and meet our rescued dolphins, otters, sea turtles, and more. Open to students who completed kindergarten through high school in the 2025-2026 school year, our hands-on camps inspire curiosity and a love for marine life. Explore, discover, and create lasting summer memories—your adventure starts here!

WWW.CMAQUARIUM.ORG/EXPERIENCE/EDUCATIONAL-KIDS-CAMPS

KAYAKING ADVENTURE



A marine biologist will guide you through local waterways identifying wildlife and coastal ecosystems during this kayaking trip! We provide kayaks, paddles, life jackets, and expert guides. Guests will need to provide their own closed-toe water shoes and towels.

Single and tandem kayaks are available. Maximum of 15 participants per session.

PRICE

\$45
/person

DURATION

2
hours

AVAILABLE

SEASONALLY

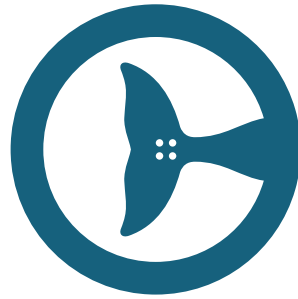
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MORE INFORMATION:



[www.cmaquarium.org/experiences/
guided-kayak-tours/](http://www.cmaquarium.org/experiences/guided-kayak-tours/)

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