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OPENING EYES TO THE WORLD OUTSIDE TO PROTECT AND RESTORE OUR BLUE PLANET

Hello AquaCamp Family and Friends,

We are excited to invite you to join us for the 2019 summer camp season at The Florida Aquarium! We’ve been working hard to generate innovative themes, create new learning opportunities, and find new travel locations. Our camps are fun and engaging while also fostering the creativity and critical thinking that builds science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) skills. As always, our goal is to provide the best possible camp experience.

The past year has been very exciting at the Aquarium! We were voted 3rd best aquarium in the nation in a USA Today 10 Best Reader’s Choice poll. In October 2018, we opened our dynamic Waves of Wonder gallery, featuring the Heart of the Sea habitat. This newly redesigned area highlights our three big conservation focuses: coral, sharks, and sea turtles. We greatly increased our capacity for sea turtle rescues, with the opening of our Sea Turtle Rescue Facility at our Center for Conservation in Apollo Beach. Our lobby touch experience is also being reimagined in 2019!

As you may have noticed from the cover, this year’s feature animals are seahorses, pipefish, and sea dragons! Together, they make up the family Syngnathidae. These awesome creatures can be found in shallow, temperate waters around the world, including Tampa Bay. Their bodies are covered in special bony armor plates for protection. Seahorses and their cousins are also unique because males carry the fertilized eggs! While seahorses may be small and slow moving, they play an important role in their ecosystems. Discover more about these cool critters during the summer while we spot them up close and personal in the Aquarium.

Check out our new camp themes and travel destinations. Each week offers a different theme, early drop-off and late pick-up at no extra cost, lunch options, and guaranteed fun! We hope you’ll join us, and let our camps be the best part of your summer.

Sincerely,

Tristin Ware
Director of Education Operations
Katie Fortescue
Education Coordinator
AQUAKIDS
AGES 5 & 6
NEW for 2019, AQuakids will be full day camps!
Camps are taught by teachers specializing in preK – kindergarten. One teacher and assistant will be with every camp, with a maximum of 12 campers. Camps include science explorations, arts and crafts, choice-time and tours through the Aquarium. Adults accompanying campers are encouraged to interact and participate in all activities!

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- NEW! IMPOSSIBLE INVADERS
  - July 3 at 10:30 AM
  - Learn about some of Florida’s animal invaders. Discover the answers to how they got here and what kind of trouble they’re causing. We’ll meet an insider up close and discover how to keep these animals from invading your home.

MAGNIFICENT MAMMALS
July 10 at 10:30 AM
Dolphins, dogs, and people look very different. So what do they have in common? They’re all mammals! Learn what makes a mammal a mammal, feel fur from different animals, and see how people have more in common with other mammals than you think.

SUMMER SLIME
July 17 at 10:30 AM
Science is a very messy field. Learn about some awesome dirty jobs in science, especially at the Aquarium. Our jobs may not be squeaky clean, but that doesn’t make them any less fun! Create your own mess and make some slime to take home.

NEW! DINO DIG
July 24 at 10:30 AM
Dinosaurs at the Aquarium? You bet! Take a trip back in time to study the crazy and strange animals that once roamed the planet. Dive even deeper to study the prehistoric creatures that called Florida home.

WONDERS OF WATER
July 31 at 10:30 AM
What covers 75% of our Earth and is very important to the animals living at The Florida Aquarium? You guessed it: WATER! Discover and experiment with the properties of water.

WHAT’S COOKIN’?
August 7 at 10:30 AM
We have our own kitchen just for our animals! Join us as we take a closer look at what it takes to make a nutritious and delicious meal for everything from our sharks to our sea horses. Finish off the class by making a fun snack of your own.

NEW! BIRD BRAIN | June 24-28
Did you know that having a “bird brain” is a compliment? In fact, birds can be very smart! They can learn behaviors, use tools, and create intricate nests. Learn all about our feathered friends here at The Florida Aquarium.

EARTH BUDDIES | July 1-5
The planet needs you! Become a friend of the earth and learn what everyday things you can do to help keep our planet safe! Reduce, reuse, recycle, refuse, and repurpose for a week of conservation-based fun.

WHALE TALES | July 8-12
These creatures are some of the largest in the ocean yet eat one of the smallest. Whales are great musicians, awesome divers, and are some of the gentlest giants in the sea. Dive in to this camp and make your own whale tale.

JAWSOME | July 15-19
The ocean needs your help! Trash in the water, oil spills, and plastic are causing big problems for our underwater friends. Discover what you can do to protect this important ecosystem.

NEW! BONEY BODIES | July 22-26
Many animals have skeletons just like we do! From turtle shells to alligator jaws, take a look at animal bones and compare their bodies to our own. Get ready to get up close with the vertebrates at the Aquarium.

MERMAIDS, MONSTERS, AND MYTHS | July 29-August 2
The kraken, mermaids, and unicorns might not be real, but the animals that inspired them sure are! Discover the tales that inspired the myths, and create a sea creature of your own.

NEW! SWAMP STOMP | August 5-9
Mud, muck, bugs, yuck! Swamps are messy, but they are still full of important wildlife! They not only provide shelter for animals, they provide nutrients and clean water for people too. Explore the wetlands, and see for yourself.
FULL-DAY ON LOCATION CAMPS

COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN–GRADE 1 (AGES 6-7)

All On Location camps are taught by experienced teachers. Camps include science explorations, tours of the Aquarium, a live animal encounter, a field trip, arts and crafts, and splash time at Splash Pad.

PRICING AND TIMES

Hours: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM; Monday - Friday

FREE extended care: Earliest drop off at 7:30 AM. Latest pick up is 5:30 PM.

5-Day Camps: $215 Members, $265 Non-Members
3-Day Camp: $135 Members, $165 Non-Members

See page 9 for lunch pricing.

Register for two camps and receive an additional $20 discount on camps thereafter (3 or more). Discount applies to campers in the same household of the same age.

SWAMP SAFARI | June 3-7
Florida is well known for its wetland habitats. From reptiles to birds, swamps are home to many creatures. Visit Boyd Hill Nature Preserve in St. Petersburg to check out some swamp residents.

WHALE, WHALE, WHALE | June 10-14
Learn about whales and their mammal cousins that call the ocean home. Campers will have a chance to observe an animal wellness session with our biologist team. Visit Clearwater Marine Aquarium to see Florida marine mammals up close.

NEW! WORLD WILD WEB | June 17-21
An animal wellness session with our biologist team. Learn about whales and their mammal cousins that call the ocean home. Campers will have a chance to observe an animal wellness session with our biologist team. Visit Clearwater Marine Aquarium to see Florida marine mammals up close.

NEW! MARVELOUS MAMMALS | July 8-12
Not all mammals are furry. Learn about dolphins, manatees, and other mammals that live in Florida. Take a trip to Clearwater Marine Aquarium to see marine mammals up close!

NEW! TIGER EEL, BEAR CRAB, OH MY! | June 24-28
Join us for a week full of extreme animals! Learn about some of the most extreme ways animals have found to survive. Take a trip to ZooTampa to discover some extreme animals, and see what it takes to be the most extreme!

NEW! LIONFISH, TIGER EEL, BEAR CRAB, OH MY! | June 24-28
Learn the truth about some “scary” marine friends. While they might look like something out of a monster movie, they have their own amazing secrets and abilities. Take a trip to Busch Gardens Tampa, where we will meet some of these “monsters” up close.

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ALL SHARK BUT NO BITE | July 22-26
Bolts of danger along the exciting world of all about sharks. Often misunderstood, we will learn how these amazing creatures live. We will even see at look at what is going on inside! We will travel to MOTE Marine Lab in Sarasota to see some of these amazing predators up close!

NEW! BIRD IS THE WORD | July 29- August 2
Come visit us for a camp filled with songbirds, ruddy ducks, owls, egrets and penguin fun! The feathered fun continues with a trip to Lettuce Lake Park in Tampa to see what avian species live in our own backyard.

BEACH BASH | August 5-9
Where does sand come from? Find the answer and more by observing sand under a microscope, meeting beach critters and traveling to Fort De Soto in St. Petersburg to enjoy the beach.

THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM DOWNTOWN TAMPA
FULL-DAY TRAVEL CAMPS

COMPLETED GRADES 4-5 (AGES 10-11)

All travel camps are taught by experienced teachers and counselors. Camps focus on marine science and feature a new adventure each day. Campers should bring a water bottle, swimsuit, sunscreen, and towel every day. Any extra recommended equipment (mask, snorkel, fins, etc.) will be noted on the parent letter at the beginning of the camp week. A camp shirt is provided each week, and one water bottle will be provided to each camper during his or her first week of camp only. Campers should be able to swim and be comfortable being outside most of the day.

PRICING AND TIMES
Hours: 9:00 AM -4:00 PM; Monday-Friday
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ISLAND TIME
June 3-7 | $280 Members, $345 Non-Members
Celebrate the end of the school year with a week of relaxation. Explore local sea grass beds at Pin Island, search for the perfect shell at Shell Key, and discover the creatures that call Caladesi Island home.

WHAT’S BELOW
June 10-14 | $280 Members, $345 Non-Members
Join us as we discover Florida’s rich history. Speckled a cave system in Brooksville, explore the ancient waters at Crystal Springs Preserve, and find prehistoric fossils in the Peace River.

CRUISE THE COAST
June 17-21 | $280 Members, $345 Non-Members
Discover the sun coast by boat! We’ll kayak at the Aquarium’s Center for Conservation, ride a speed boat in Clearwater, and learn the ropes of seamanship on a sailboat.

NEW! HABITAT ADVENTURES
June 24-28 | $280 Members, $345 Non-Members
Visit some of Florida’s best greats and preserves. Traverse the trails at Brooker Creek, walk the canopy at Myakka, observe wildlife at Lettuce Lake, and snorkel the waters at Calusa Beach.

BEACH LIFE
July 1-3 | “5-Day Camp” | $175 Members, $210 Non-members
Kick off your holiday festivities by visiting a different local beach each day. Relax on the sandy beaches of Clearwater, cool off in the water at Fred Howard Park, and catch some rays at Fort De Soto State Park.

SPRING HOPPERS
July 8-12 | $280 Members, $345 Non-Members
Come along for one of our most popular camps! We’ll explore a new 72°F spring each day. Get an up close look at the types of springs at Crystal Springs Preserve, Float the Rainbow River, and try to locate “mermaids” at Weeki Wachee.

ANIMAL RESCUE
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Go behind the scenes at the Aquarium to learn more about how we help care for our animals every day. We’ll also check in with the Aquarium’s Center for Conservation, learn more about marine mammal rescues at Clearwater Marine Aquarium, and visit a doctor’s office at Busch Gardens designed for large animals.

SIGHT SEEING WITH A SNORKEL
July 22-26 | $330 Members, $390 Non-Members
Practice your snorkeling skills at Shell Key, explore sea grasses at Fort De Soto Park, and search for some fish in the mangrove tunnels of Newman Branch Creek.

NEW! SAND AND SEA
July 29-August 2 | $280 Members, $345 Non-Members
Why is sand important? Where does it come from? Why is the ocean salty? Discover these answers and more as you visit Fort De Soto, Point of Rocks, and Egmont Key!

A LITTLE R & R
August 5-9 | $280 Members, $345 Non-Members
Beat the back to school blues by enjoying a little rest and relaxation this week! Float down the Rainbow River, try out stand up paddle boarding, and relax at Calusa Beach.

FULL-DAY TRAVEL CAMPS

COMPLETED GRADES 6-8 (AGES 12-14)

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NEW! CONSERVATION CAREERS
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Learn about potential careers in conservation. Explore the work being done at The Florida Aquarium with corals, sharks, and turtles, discover the importance of aquaculture, and learn about habitats and conservation in primary school.

SUMMER SEND OFF
July 29-August 2 | $330 Members, $390 Non-Members
Wrap up your summer break with action and adventure. Traverse a high ropes course in Pinellas, explore mangrove tunnels by kayak, and relax at Indian Rocks beach.

OPEN WATER SCUBA
SPECIAL AGE REQUIREMENT: 12-15 years old | June 3-14 (Monday-Friday, 2 Weeks), $760 Members, $945 Non-Members
The SCUBA adventure begins with “Heart of the Sea Swim.” Earn Open Water certification through SCUBA classroom and pool training provided by a certified NAUI SCUBA instructor from The Florida Aquarium dive operations staff. Open water certification dives will take place over spring break (weather permitting). After SCUBA certification, campers will have an opportunity to dive at the Aquarium. Campers must pass a basic swimming test and provide their own SCUBA-quality mask, snorkel, fins, booties, and wetsuit. All other gear and study materials are included. Waders and study materials will be given to those taking the required NAUI SCUBA information session (date to follow in confirmation packet). All waivers must be turned in before May 17, 2019. Campers with asthma, breathing conditions, ear tubes or other medical conditions must provide doctor’s approval. SCUBA certification is not guaranteed. Only those who successfully demonstrate skills will be certified. Because of special arrangements, no refunds can be given after June 7, 2019, including refunds for medical conditions.

ADVANCED SCUBA AND UNDERWATER NATURALIST SPECIALTY
SPECIAL AGE REQUIREMENT: 14-18 YEARS OLD | July 8-19 (Monday-Friday), $450 Members, $770 Non-Members
The SCUBA adventure continues with a skills refresher before heading out for one open water dives (weather permitting) to earn Advanced Underwater Naturalist Specialty Certification. Campers will explore new dive environments and gain the skills necessary to plan and execute advanced dives in a safe manner. A certified NAUI SCUBA instructor from The Florida Aquarium dive operations staff will lead the skills refresher and open water diving. Campers must have an Open Water SCUBA certification before June 1, 2019. Campers must pass diving skills, mapping, navigation, data collection, deep diving and a limited visibility dive in order to obtain Advanced SCUBA certification. All diving will be done before June 7, 2019. Campers with asthma, breathing conditions, ear tubes or other medical conditions must provide doctor’s approval. Advanced SCUBA certification is not guaranteed. Only those who successfully demonstrate skills will be certified. Because of special arrangements, no refunds can be given after June 7, 2019, including refunds for medical conditions.

*Heart of the Sea Swim is sponsored by NAUI (The National Association of Underwater Instructors)
CAMPS AT A GLANCE

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|                  | Junior Naturalist  
|                  | Swamp Safari  
|                  | Nature Tracker  
|                  | Island Time  
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| June 10-14       | Alligator Alley  
|                  | NEW! Forces of Nature  
|                  | Whale, Whale, Whale  
|                  | No Bones About It  
|                  | What’s Below  
|                  | Wild West Coast  
| June 17-21       | Under the Deep Sea  
|                  | Animal Antics  
|                  | NEW! Under The Sea  
|                  | Marvellous Mammals  
|                  | Cruise the Coast  
|                  | Rewind Florida  
| June 24-28       | Spectacular Sharks  
|                  | NEW! Bird Brain  
|                  | No Camp is Too-ewl  
|                  | NEW! Landlub, Tide Flo  
|                  | Deer Crab, Oh! My!  
|                  | NEW! Habitat Adventure  
|                  | Nautical Adventures  
| July 5-9         | “Big Day” camp  
|                  | NEW! Nigh-IN-a-View  
|                  | Earth Bubbles  
|                  | No Place Like Home  
|                  | Sahara State of Mind  
|                  | Beach Life  
|                  | Undersea Naturalist  
| July 8-12        | Magnificent Mammals  
|                  | Whole Tales  
|                  | NEW! Sea  
|                  | Can You Dig It?  
|                  | NEW! The Extreme  
|                  | Animal Rescue  
|                  | Spring Explorers  
| July 15-19       | Summer Slime  
|                  | Awesome  
|                  | The Truth About Sharks  
|                  | NEW! To The Extreme  
|                  | NEW! Conservation Cures  
| July 22-26       | NEW! Dino Digs  
|                  | NEW! Bones Bodies  
|                  | Animotions  
|                  | All Shark But No Bite  
|                  | NEW! Sea  
|                  | NEW! Sand and Sea  
|                  | Summer Send OFF  
| August 2-9       | Wonders of Water  
|                  | Mermaids, Monsters, and Mythos  
|                  | For the Birds  
|                  | Bird in the Word  
|                  | NEW! Sea  
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| August 5-9       | What’s Cooler?  
|                  | Swamp Stomp  
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|                  | A Little R and R  

LUNCH AND SNACK PROGRAM

**5 DAY WEEK**

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HOW TO REGISTER:

- Early member registration begins January 28, 2019.
- Regular registration opens February 4, 2019.
- Visit flaquarium.org to register online for camp. If you do not have Internet access, please call Reservations at (813) 273-4015 for an appointment or request assistance with the registration process.
- Discounts: Members (Couple or higher) automatically receive a discounted fee per camp. Once a member or non-member signs up for 3 or more individual camps (or the third camp (and thereafter), except for SCUBA). Discount also applies to multiple campers of the same age.
- Full payment is due at the time of registration. Credit cards and checks are accepted.

CANCELLATION, CHANGE & REFUND POLICY:

- To receive a full refund, less a $25 cancellation fee per camp, cancellations must be made three weeks (21 days) before the start date of camp.
- Cancellations made 20 days or less before the start date of camp will not be refunded.
- All cancellations must be requested in writing or by email.
- No refunds will be given due to inclement weather.
- Registration changes can be accommodated if space is available. A $15 fee will be assessed for all changes excluding cancellations.
- You will receive a confirmation letter via email within two weeks of registration. If you do not receive this, call (813) 273-4015 for more information.
- The Florida Aquarium reserves the right to separate or combine camps.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

- Summer can be a time of afternoon thunderstorms and all day downpours. There may be times that plans are altered, especially for travel camps. In these instances, The Florida Aquarium has rainy day plans and will make decisions for the safety of campers. We make every effort to resume our plans as soon as possible.
- Inclement weather is a weather that is severe enough to stop us from doing our regularly scheduled program in order to provide safe experiences. Hurricanes and hurricane preparations are also considered inclement weather.
- Since The Florida Aquarium does not have control over inclement weather, we will NOT give refunds due to inclement weather.

For pricing, information or registering, call our Reservations office at (813) 273-4015 or visit flaquarium.org.

THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR CAMPS

When school is out, camps are in! Check out our single- and multiday camps offered on holidays and teacher work days.

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TRAVELING PROGRAMS

We offer various programs throughout the year that bring the Aquarium and animals to your area. Many include LIVE animals!

BIRTHDAY PARTIES AT THE AQUARIUM

We offer indoor and outdoor parties. An Aquarium party includes a cake, party decorations, paper goods, a designated birthday space, and more.

SCOUTS

Gather your group to fulfill badge requirements at the Aquarium. Workshops can be scheduled for Saturdays or Sundays or during other pre-arranged times if space and instructional staff are available.

HOMESCHOOL

The Aquarium offers monthly homeschool science classes during the school year. Each class uses inquiry-based learning and hands-on experiments and activities to explore science. Classes are 60 minutes for 3.5-4.5 year olds and 90 minutes for ages 9-14. Ask about Field Trips!

SLEEPOVERS

Bring your scout, church, school or club to the Aquarium for an evening filled with fun! Design a sea creature, go behind the scenes, see animals up close, and more! Prices vary according to group size.

IMMERSIVE AQUARIUM PROGRAMS

HEART OF THE SEA SWIM

A 20-minute swim in the Aquarium’s newest aquatic habitat for guests 6 years old and above.

SHARK SWIM

This program includes a 10-minute swim with the Fishes in our coral reef habitat, followed by a 20-minute guided swim in our shark habitat! Shark Swim is for guests 9 years old and above. You do NOT have to be SCUBA certified.

DIVE WITH THE SHARKS

Dive with the Sharks provides a unique opportunity for certified SCUBA divers, ages 15 and older, to come face-to-face with live sharks!

WILD DOLPHIN CRUISE

A 1½-hour cruise on the bay aboard the Bay Spirit II allows guests to encounter awesome animals that thrive in Tampa’s local waters. The only requirement is a sense of adventure. A good pair of binoculars is optional!

AQUATOTS

Young ones can have just as much fun when summer is over! Tots programs are offered in fall, winter, and spring, on select Wednesdays.

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To entertain, educate and inspire stewardship about our natural environment.

The Florida Aquarium offers a variety of educational programs including school programs, teacher workshops, birthday parties, sleepovers, homeschool workshops and more. Our Education Department is growing to meet the needs of our community. For education program reservations and information call (813) 273-4015 or 1-800-353-4741 or visit flaquarium.org.