

JOIN US FOR PARENT ORIENTATION

Is this your first time coming to camp?

Do you have specific questions you want answered?

Virtual: Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 12 PM or Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 5:30 PM

Meeting information will be included in your confirmation letter after registration.

YOU WILL LEARN:

- How camps benefit your children
- AquaCamps procedures
- Overviews of daily camp itineraries
- How the Aquarium makes summer FINTASTIC

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Registration for members opens January 27, 2025 and for all others on February 3, 2025.

To ensure you don't miss out, register early!
Go to <u>flaquarium.org</u>, click Education, Camps and
AquaCamps. We accept MasterCard, Visa, Discover,
American Express, and e-checks.

DROP-OFF/PICK-UP

Extended care is included in your registration – **no extra fees!**

Early drop-off for campers begins at 7:30 AM. It is mandatory that each camper be signed in by an adult each morning. Parents and guardians are welcome to temporarily park in the circle located in front of the Aquarium and escort their camper to the

Scan code for convenient online registration!

table located outside of the business entrance. If a cruise ship is in port, please review the Aquarium parking information in the email sent the week prior to your camper's session. Visit https://www.porttb.com/cruise-schedules to view the Port Tampa Bay cruise schedule.

Campers must be personally signed out by a listed adult, showing a valid ID, each afternoon. Parents and guardians may temporarily park in the circle located in front of the Aquarium to sign out their camper at the table outside of the business entrance. Please note that the latest pick up is 5:30 PM, after which time the Aquarium reserves the right to charge \$5 per minute until the camper is signed out.

Please inform camp staff if your camper needs to be picked up early (before 4 PM) or will be dropped off late (after 9 AM). Contact camp staff if the camper will be picked up by someone other than the person noted on the sign-in sheet. If your camper will be absent for the day, please call the camp phone line. The camp phone line is (813) 606-4435 and only operates during camp hours, but you may leave a message outside of these hours.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Our goal is to provide the safest possible experience based on the most current guidelines. We will inform you if any of our programs will need to be altered or canceled.

The Florida Aquarium Learning Staff will supervise campers at all times. In the case of visiting the restroom, campers will be accompanied by a staff member to the entrance of the restroom, which is often a public restroom. When visiting the restroom, campers utilize a buddy system. Camp staff will not enter the restroom space unless they are checking camper safety.

BUDDIES

Children who have completed kindergarten through grade 3, or who are 6–9 years old, have the option of choosing a weekly buddy that is in the same grade/age range. Please be advised that classes of completed kindergarten through grade 1 or completed grades 2–3 may run simultaneously in different rooms due to camp capacities. If your child would like to be in the same class as a friend/relative of the same grade/age, please make sure the buddy name is listed on the online registration form. You may only choose one buddy per week; however, the buddy does not have to be the same for multiple weeks.

T-SHIRTS

All campers will receive one t-shirt on their first day of camp. To support conservation efforts, campers will receive one shirt for the summer. Campers are only required to wear the camp t-shirt if their camp goes offsite on a field trip. Travel campers are not required to wear the camp shirt. Additional t-shirts will be available for purchase for \$20. Sizes include children XS (3–4), S (4–6), M (8–10), L (12–14) and adult S, M, L, XL, and XXL.

UPF SUN SHIRTS

Travel and SCUBA campers will receive one long-sleeve UPF sun shirt on their first day of their camp. To support our conservation efforts, campers will only receive one shirt per summer. Campers returning for multiple weeks of camp will be asked to bring this shirt. Additional shirts are available and can be purchased for \$20.





AGES 3 & 4

Camps are taught by teachers specializing in pre-K and kindergarten. Camps include science explorations, arts and crafts, and tours through the Aquarium. Your child will be immersed in hands-on learning. The accompanying adult is encouraged to interact and participate in all activities! We respectfully request that childcare arrangements be made for siblings and that you adhere to one adult per child. Exceptions will be made for one parent accommodating two registered children within the AquaTots age parameters (eg., twins, multiple children ages 3–4, etc.).

PRICING AND TIMES

Each camper must be accompanied by an adult. Wednesday 10:30–11:30 AM Pricing per class*: \$16 for 1 child and 1 adult *Pricing does not include Aquarium admission.

SHAPES OF THE SEA | JUNE 4

Sea stars, boxfish and fan coral are just a few of the shapes we will "sea" while exploring animals of the ocean.

RAINFORESTS | JUNE 11

Come swing through the rainforests of the world to discover animals that call this diverse habitat home.

COLOR CRAZY JUNE 18

Discover animals with bright colors, crazy patterns, and changing colors.

TIDE POOL TALES | JUNE 25

Tide pools are communities of plants and animals. From algae to urchins, discover animals that call a tide pool home.

WINGED WONDERS | JULY 2

From the smallest to the largest, see what features help animals take flight.

SHARK SUPERHEROES | JULY 9

Join us for jawsome fun as we dive into the truth about sharks.

COOL CORALS | JULY 16

Coral reefs are home to a wide variety of ocean life. Explore what coral is and what makes it so important.

WACKY ANIMALS | JULY 23

Learn about amazing animals you can hardly believe are real!

SEA TURTLES! JULY 30

Join us for an awesome "shell-a-bration" to learn what makes sea turtles unique.



AquaKids AGES 5 & 6

Camps are taught by teachers specializing in pre-K and kindergarten. One teacher and an assistant are assigned to each camp. Activities include science exploration, Aquarium tours, arts and crafts, and choice-time.

PRICING AND TIMES

Hours: 9 AM-4 PM

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

4-Day Camp applies to June 30–July 3: \$230 members, \$256 non-members

5-Day Camps: \$285 members, \$315 non-members

See page 10 for lunch pricing.

ANIMALS IN MOTION JUNE 2-6

From slithering snakes to flying fish, animals move in a variety of ways. See how animals' movements compare to each other and to people.

SEASIDE SAFARI JUNE 9-13

Pack your binoculars and get ready to search the seaside for coastal creatures. Discover what lives both above and below the surface.

AMAZING ANIMALS | JUNE 16-20

Animals have awesome and unusual ways to survive. We will explore animals that produce light, have unique ways to trick prey, and much more in a week all about adaptations.

THE TOOTH ABOUT SHARKS | JUNE 23–27

These apex predators may be some of the best hunters in the ocean, but there is a lot more to them than just their teeth. Sharks keep the ocean in balance, and we think that is jawsome!

HELPING HANDS (4-DAY CAMP) | JUNE 30-JULY 3

Explore the habitats of the ocean to discover how you can help protect them.

SEA MYTHS JULY 7-11

From the elusive Kraken to mysterious mermaids, explore sea monsters and the animals that inspired their stories. Create your very own sea myth!

MAMMALS! | JULY 14-18

Mammals live in a large variety of environments. From land to sea, travel the world to discover the diversity of mammals.

ARTSY ANIMALS JULY 21–25

Nature has some of the most amazing artists. Observe some animal artists, become inspired by nature, and create masterpieces of your own.

RADICAL WAVES | JULY 28-AUGUST 1

Ride out the last wave of summer with friends at The Florida Aquarium. Learn about animals of the coast while playing games, creating beach crafts, and more!



Full-Day On Location Camps

COMPLETED KINDERGARTEN-GRADE 1 (AGES 6-7)

All on-location camps are taught by experienced teachers and counselors. Camps include science exploration, Aquarium tours, a live animal encounter, field trip, and arts and crafts. Field trip locations are subject to change based on availability.

PRICING AND TIMES

Hours: 9 AM-4 PM

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

4-Day Camp applies to June 30-July 3: \$260 members, \$288 non-members

5-Day Camps: \$315 members, \$350 non-members See page 10 for lunch pricing.

JUNIOR NATURALIST | JUNE 2-6

Journey through numerous Florida habitats and get up-close with awesome animals that call them home. Visit a unique habitat while exploring The Florida Aquarium campus in Apollo Beach.

WORLD WILD WEB | JUNE 9-13

Using lures, ambushing their prey, and hiding with mimicry are just a few ways animals hunt. Take a close look at food chains within different habitats to see how these techniques are used. Travel to ZooTampa to see even more awesome adaptations.

SHARK SEEKERS | JUNE 16-20

Explore the world of sharks and their relatives. Learn the challenges sharks face, their importance in the ocean, and so much more. Compare modern day sharks to predators of the past with a trip to Dinosaur World.

BACKYARD HEROES | JUNE 23-27

Florida is home to many habitats and animals. Many of these animals need your help to protect their homes. Travel to Bonnet Springs Park to learn more about how you can help.

FIN-TASTIC JOBS (4-DAY CAMP) | JUNE 30-JULY 3

Meet members of The Florida Aquarium team to find out how they protect our blue planet. Learn more from the staff while aboard the Aquarium's Bay Spirit II catamaran.

MIGHTY MAMMALS | JULY 7-11

Lions, tigers, and bears...oh my! Look at these mammals and more as campers discover characteristics of mammals. Visit Old McMicky's Farm to learn more about mammals.

CRAFTY CRITTERS | JULY 14-18

Nature is full of artistic displays! Discover how colors, patterns, and textures enhance animals' lives. Get inspired to create your own art with a trip to Glazer Children's Museum.

SCIENCE EXPLORERS | JULY 21–25

Scientists make new discoveries every day. Explore the wacky world of science and more with a visit to the Museum of Science and Industry (MOSI).

SURF AND SANDCASTLES | JULY 28-AUGUST 1

Prepare to explore the world's oceans and the creatures living there. Search for local marine creatures while visiting Fort De Soto Park.





COMPLETED GRADES 2-3 (AGES 8-9)

All on-location camps are taught by experienced teachers and counselors. Camps include science exploration, Aquarium tours, a live animal encounter, field trip, and arts and crafts. Field trip locations are subject to change based on availability.

PRICING AND TIMES

Hours: 9 AM-4 PM

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

4-Day Camp applies to June 30-July 3: \$260 members, \$288 non-members

5-Day Camps: \$315 members, \$350 non-members

See page 10 for lunch pricing.

NATURE TRACKER | JUNE 2-6

Study animal tracks, scats, and other signs to find out what is living right here in Tampa Bay. Travel to The Florida Aquarium campus in Apollo Beach to test your nature tracker skills!

MEGAFAUNA | JUNE 9-13

Discover some of the largest animals on the planet and learn how their sizes help them survive. Visit Homosassa Springs State Park to check out some mega-sized wildlife.

PLANET PROTECTORS | JUNE 16-20

Incoming mission...code name: Planet Protectors! We need your help to protect plants and animals from around the world. Travel with us to Bonnet Springs Park for more mission details.

WEIRD AND UNUSUAL | JUNE 23-27

Discover the strange, odd and startling when you explore weird and unusual creatures. Visit ZooTampa to see even more bizarre animals.

AQUARIUM CAREERS (4-DAY CAMP) | JUNE 30-JULY 3

Find out about the amazing round-the-clock work being done to save marine wildlife. Board the Bay Spirit II catamaran to see some of these jobs in action.

TO THE EXTREME | JULY 7-11

Learn about ways animals have found to survive in some of the world's wildest habitats. See a local extreme habitat with a trip to Circle B Bar Reserve.

FACT OR FICTION: ALL ABOUT SHARKS | JULY 14–18

There are many myths about sharks, and we need your help to sort fact from fiction. Discover why sharks are important, and learn more about these predators while visiting Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium.

DOWN TO A SCIENCE! | JULY 21–25

From biology to astronomy, there is much to discover in science. Visit The Mulberry Phosphate Museum to learn about the science of paleontology.

OCEAN COMMOTION | JULY 28-AUGUST 1

Prepare to explore the world's oceans and the creatures living there. Search for local marine creatures while visiting Fort De Soto Park.



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 often 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 t-shirt and UPF sun shirt 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. Travel locations are subject to change based on weather and availability.

PRICING AND TIMES

Hours: 9 AM-4 PM

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

4-Day Camp applies to June 30–July 3: \$325 members, \$360 non-members

5-Day Camps: \$395 members, \$438 non-members

See page 10 for lunch pricing.

CRUISE THE COAST | JUNE 2-6

Discover more about Florida's rich history by traversing the trails at Weedon Island Preserve, search for coastal wildlife in Tampa Bay, and kayak around Shell Key Preserve.

NATURALIST IN TRAINING JUNE 9-13

Come along and explore the habitats of Tampa Bay. From sea to sky, cruise the bay on a local boat, walk the trails of Brooker Creek Preserve, and fly through the sky on zip lines at Empower Adventure Tampa Bay.



Art exists in nature in all forms. Spark interest in your creative side when we visit Marie Selby Botanical Gardens, Honeymoon Island State Park, and Circle B Bar Reserve.

FLORIDA ADVENTURES | JUNE 23-27

Join us as we adventure into the habitats of Florida. Test your knowledge aboard a class on the Tampa Bay Watch Eco Tour, paddle along the mangroves of the bay, and learn about forces of nature with Busch Gardens.

CONSERVATION CAREERS (4-DAY CAMP) | JUNE 30-JULY 3

It takes a team to save wildlife in wild places. Explore the work being done with corals and sea turtles, discover the importance of aquaculture at Mote Marine Laboratory and Aquarium, and learn about local habitat restoration.

ECO-TOURISTS JULY 7–11

Discover what creatures call the Sunshine State home. Search for reptiles while at Largo Narrows, listen for birds at Boyd Hill Nature Preserve, and find fish at the Suncoast Youth Conservation Center.

ALL ABOUT SPRINGS! JULY 14–18

Celebrate summer by cooling off in a 72°F spring each day. Float down Rainbow River, see mermaids at Weeki Wachee Springs State Park, and learn more about how springs work at Crystal Springs Preserve.

FACE TO FACE WITH FISH | JULY 21–25

Learn what makes a fish a fish and how to identify them. Put your skills to the test as we search the waters of Sand Key Park, examine the shores of Holmes Beach, and get familiar with the fishy inhabitants of our Florida waters.

SUMMER SEND OFF JULY 28-AUGUST 1

Wrap up your summer break with action and adventure. Traverse a high ropes course, paddleboard at Treasure Island, and ride the waves of our local waters.





Full-Day Travel Camps

COMPLETED GRADES 6-8 (AGES 12-14)

All travel camps are taught by experienced teachers and counselors. Camps focus on marine science and often 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 t-shirt and UPF sun shirt 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. Travel locations are subject to change based on weather and availability.

PRICING AND TIMES

Hours: 9 AM-4 PM

FREE extended care: Earliest drop-off is 7:30 AM.

Latest pick-up is 5:30 PM.

5-Day Camps: \$395 members, \$438 non-members

See page 10 for lunch pricing.

UNDER THE SURFACE JUNE 9-13

Discover marine creatures while snorkeling at Fred Howard Park, search for shark teeth at Caspersen Beach, and beachcomb for coastal treasures in a week full of underwater exploration.

HABITAT ADVENTURES JUNE 16–20

Visit some of Florida's best parks and preserves. Traverse the trails at Brooker Creek Preserve, walk the canopy at Myakka River State Park, and snorkel the waters at Coquina Beach.

CAREERS IN SCIENCE JUNE 23–27

Find out about science careers in Tampa Bay. Meet professionals while learning about animal adaptations from educators at Busch Gardens, see a veterinary office at work, and discover what it takes to care for animals at The Florida Aquarium.

SPRING DISCOVERY JULY 7–11

Beat the summer heat by joining our tour of springs. Cool off at Weeki Wachee Springs State Park, check out animals as you float down Rainbow River, and learn about the waters of Crystal Springs Preserve.

NATURE EXPLORERS | JULY 14-18

Explore the flora and fauna of Florida. Grab binoculars to go birding at a local state park, a shovel to go shelling at Holmes Beach, and a net to discover fish of the bay.

MAKING WAVES JULY 21–25

Grab your sunscreen, swimsuit, and water shoes as we explore the waters of Tampa Bay. Board the Aquarium's Bay Spirit II catamaran, kayak the waters of Shell Key, and relax in the waves of our local beaches.

RELAX AND UNWIND JULY 28-AUGUST 1

Beat the back to school blues by enjoying a little rest and relaxation this week! Float down Rainbow River, try out stand up paddle boarding, and relax at Coguina Beach.





OPEN WATER SCUBA

SPECIAL AGE REQUIREMENT: 12–15 YEARS OLD June 9–20 (Monday-Friday, 2 Weeks), \$1,200

The SCUBA adventure begins with the SeaTREK experience at the Aquarium. Earn an Open Water NAUI SCUBA Diver certification* through classroom and pool training provided by a certified NAUI SCUBA instructor from The Florida Aquarium Marine Operations staff. Open water certification dives will take place over two days (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, weight-belt and gear bag. All other gear and study materials are included. Waiver and study materials will be given to parents during the mandatory SCUBA information session (date to follow in confirmation packet). All waivers must be turned in before May 16, 2025. Campers with asthma, breathing conditions, ear tubes, or other medical conditions must provide doctor's approval. Because of special arrangements, no refunds can be given after May 19, 2025, including refunds for medical conditions.

*SCUBA certification is not guaranteed. Only those who successfully complete all requirements and demonstrate skills will be certified.

ADVANCED AND ENRICHED AIR - NITROX SCUBA

SPECIAL AGE REQUIREMENT: 14–18 YEARS OLD

July 7-11, \$850

The SCUBA adventure continues with a skills refresher before heading out for eight open water dives (weather permitting) to earn a NAUI Advanced and Enriched Air – Nitrox SCUBA 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 Marine Operations staff will lead the skills refresher and open water diving. Campers must be Open Water SCUBA certified by a recognized recreational diving agency (PADI, NAUI, SSI, etc.) before the mandatory parent information session (date to follow in confirmation packet). During this parent information session, participants will receive all waivers and study materials needed for the course. Campers must pass drift diving skills, mapping, navigation, data collection, deep diving and a limited visibility dive in order to obtain their NAUI Advanced SCUBA certification. All waivers must be turned in before June 13, 2025. Campers with asthma, breathing conditions, ear tubes or other medical conditions must provide doctor's approval. Advanced SCUBA certification is not guaranteed. Because of special arrangements, no refunds can be given after June 16, 2025, including refunds for medical conditions.

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Tamps at a Glance

						TRAVEL	CAMPS	Open Water SCUBA
Date		AquaTots (Ages 3–4) Wednesdays Only	AquaKids (Ages 5–6)	Completed K-1 (Ages 6–7)	Completed 2-3 (Ages 8–9)	Completed 4-5 (Ages 10-11)	Completed 6-8 (Ages 12–14)	(Ages 12-15) Advanced SCUBA (Ages 14-18)
Ju	ne 2–6	Shapes of the Sea	Animals in Motion	Junior Naturalist	Nature Tracker	Cruise the Coast		
Jun	ie 9–13	Rainforests	Seaside Safari	World Wild Web	Megafauna	Naturalist in Training	Under the Surface	Open Water SCUBA
Jun	e 16–20	Color Crazy	Amazing Animals	Shark Seekers	Planet Protectors	Inspired by Nature	Habitat Adventures	Open Water SCUBA
Jun	e 23–27	Tide Pool Tales	The Tooth about Sharks	Backyard Heroes	Weird and Unusual	Florida Adventures	Careers in Science	
	ne 30- luly 3	Winged Wonders	Helping Hands	Fin-tastic Jobs	Aquarium Careers	Conservation Careers		
Jul	y 7–11	Shark Superheroes	Sea Myths	Mighty Mammals	To the Extreme	Eco-Tourists	Spring Discovery	Advanced SCUBA
July	y 14–18	Cool Corals	Mammals!	Crafty Critters	Fact or Fiction: All about Sharks	All About Springs!	Nature Explorers	
July	21–25	Wacky Animals	Artsy Animals	Science Explorers	Down to a Science!	Face to Face with Fish	Making Waves	
	ly 28– gust 1	Sea Turtles!	Radical Waves	Surf and Sandcastles	Ocean Commotion	Summer Send Off	Relax and Unwind	

	FULL-DAY LUNCH OPTIONS								
	ON LOCATION CAMPS	TRAVEL CAMPS		BRING LUNCH & SNACKS FROM HOME					
Snack options	Light morning and afternoon snack daily	Light morning and afternoon snack daily		Parent provides two snacks: one for AM and one for PM					
Lunch options	A hot entree or PBJ, plus a side item, fruit and beverage	A bag lunch including a sandwich, side item, fruit, and beverage	OR	Parent provides camper with lunch and beverage					
Weekly price (partial meal plan is not available)	Pre-purchased \$48/4-day week \$60/5-day week	Pre-purchased \$48/ 4-day week \$60/5-day week		No added cost					

Tamp Sleepover

Date and Time: Friday July 25 at 7 PM, concluding at 9:30 AM the following morning (July 26)

\$60 per participant

Ages 6 and up with 1 registered adult required for each child (exception can be made for a parent with multiple children).

Celebrate the summer, and let your camper be your tour guide! Grab a sleeping bag to enjoy all that The Florida Aquarium has to offer. This adventure will include guided instruction, an evening walk along the Wetlands of Florida inside the Aquarium's iconic Wetlands dome, a late night pizza snack, sleeping near fish and other marine life, and next day admission to the Aquarium.



HOW TO REGISTER:

- Current members will receive a registration link by email for early member registration on January 27, 2025. General registration opens February 3, 2025.
- Visit <u>flaquarium.org</u> to register online for camp.
- Discounts: Discounted member rate will appear at the end of registration at checkout.
- Full payment is due at the time of registration. Checks and credit cards are accepted.

CANCELLATION, CHANGE & REFUND POLICY:

- Cancellations* received two weeks (14 days) before the start date of the camp session will result in a 75% refund.
 Cancellations made 13 days or less before the start date of the camp session will not be refunded.
- Transfers received two weeks (14 days) before the start date of the camp session can be accommodated if space is available.
 25% of the session fee will be charged for all transfers.
- All cancellations or transfers must be given in writing by email to education@flaquarium.org.
- 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.
- No refunds will be given due to inclement weather. This
 includes, but is not limited to: hurricanes, tropical storms, and
 Florida heat.

*As noted on page 9, due to special arrangements required for SCUBA camps, no refunds can be given for Open Water SCUBA after May 19, 2025 or for Advanced SCUBA after June 16, 2025, including refunds for medical conditions.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- Summer can be a time of afternoon thundershowers and all-day downpours. There may be times that plans are altered, especially for travel camps. In these instances, 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 weather that is severe enough to stop us from doing our regularly scheduled programming in order to provide safe experiences. Hurricanes and hurricane preparations are also considered inclement weather.
- As The Florida Aquarium does not have control over inclement weather we will not give refunds in the event of inclement weather.



THE FLORIDA AQUARIUM IMMERSIVE PROGRAMS

2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR CAMPS

When school is out, camp is in! Check out our single- and multi-day camps offered on holidays and teacher workdays.

AQUATOTS

Tots programs for children ages 3–5 are offered during the school year on select Wednesday mornings.

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 ages 6–8 and 90 minutes for ages 9–14. Ask about EcoField Trips!

SCOUTS

Gather your group to fulfill badge requirements at the Aquarium. We offer a variety of programs for Cub Scouts, Scouts BSA, and Girl Scouts.

AQUA EDUCATION

Gather your family and friends for an exciting experience as we dive into the world of STEAM. Through a variety of programs, learn about Science topics, get inspired by new conservation-based Technology, explore Engineering, amaze yourself with Art projects, and test your Math skills.

SLEEPOVERS

Ever wonder what happens at the Aquarium at night? Do sharks snooze? Do turtles get tired? Wonder no more. Grab a sleeping bag to enjoy an overnight adventure at The Florida Aquarium!

ADVENTURES AFTER DARK: EVENING PROGRAMS

Turn on your night vision and get ready to experience The Florida Aquarium after dark. Prepare to see our animals and their habitats in a whole new light... low light, that is!

PARTY WITH THE FISHES

Party with the Fishes, The Florida Aquarium's birthday party program, provides children ages 1–12 with a fin-tastic birthday celebration. The Aquarium party includes a cake, decorations, paper goods, a designated space, and more!

PARENTS NIGHT OUT

Parents, enjoy a night out while your kids have fun at The Florida Aquarium! Kids will enjoy games; make new friends, snack on pizza and much more.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

We advance our shared purpose of commitment to saving marine wildlife by diving into the world of virtual programs. If you are unable to visit the Aquarium, we offer a variety of virtual programs that engage students of all ages.

TRAVELING PROGRAMS

We offer various programs throughout the year both at the Aquarium and around Tampa Bay. Many include live animals! From game shows to beach animals, we have programs for all ages that are perfect for schools, clubs, and other organizations.

SEATREK

Take an aquatic adventure with SeaTREK, a guided underwater walking tour! With no swimming or diving involved, this exciting underwater opportunity allows people from all walks of life, even those not well acquainted with water, access to the wonders of the aquatic world.

STINGRAY FEEDING EXPERIENCE

Get closer than ever before. For the first time, you can get exclusive, behind-the-scenes access to a 50-minute, up-close-and-personal visit with the stingrays and learn what they eat, how their food is prepared, and how animal care specialists work with them.

PENGUIN EXPERIENCE

Go behind the scenes with our animal care professionals and learn what it takes to deliver the highest of animal care to our colony of African penguins. The program also focuses on species biology, natural history and, most importantly, critical conservation efforts to help save the endangered African penguin.

WILD DOLPHIN CRUISE

A 75-minute journey on the bay aboard the Bay Spirit II catamaran 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!

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

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The Florida Aquarium is committed to saving marine wildlife.

The Florida Aquarium offers a variety of educational opportunities including school programs, teacher workshops, birthday parties, sleepovers, homeschool workshops, and more. Our Learning Department is growing to meet the needs of our community. For education program reservations and



