



More information about our SUMMER CAMPS



Delve into the Tampa Bay estuary during Tampa Bay Watch’s exceptional week-long, day camp sessions. Explore marine science topics through boating and snorkeling trips, species collection, and science labs. Students are guaranteed to immerse themselves in an unforgettable experience!

We offer three fun-filled, week-long camps for specific age groups!

- **Sea Monkey Camp** is for kids ages 6-8 and offers an introduction to the marine environment, with half and full-day options.
- **Discovery Camp** is for kids ages 9-12 and offers an in-depth look at what makes Tampa Bay one of the most incredible estuaries in the world!
- **Ocean Expedition Camp** is for kids ages 13-15 and offers a complex look at Tampa Bay through marine science labs and activities.

ACTIVITIES

Throughout the week, campers will spend their days **snorkeling** in local waters off of our USCG inspected 32’ classroom boat in search of local species, participating in **hands-on labs** to study some of the world’s smallest plants and animals we call **plankton**, observing bay life while **kayaking*** over shallow seagrass beds, and collecting and studying the numerous Tampa Bay inhabitants with our **seine nets** and **otter trawl**.

**Kayaking is for Discovery and Ocean Expedition Camps only; weather-permitting.*

Camp	Session Dates & Times	Pricing
SEA MONKEY CAMP (AGES 6-8)	FULL-DAY (9AM-4PM) June 17-21 July 15-19 July 29- Aug 2 HALF-DAY (9AM-11:30AM) June 24-28	FULL-DAY Non-members: \$325 Members: \$290 HALF-DAY Non-members: \$175 Members: \$140
DISCOVERY CAMP (AGES 9-12)	FULL-DAY (9AM-4PM) June 10-14 June 24-28 July 22-26 Aug 5-9	FULL-DAY Non-members :\$325 Members: \$290
OCEAN EXPEDITION CAMP (AGES 13-15)	FULL-DAY (9AM-4PM) July 8-12	FULL-DAY Non-members :\$325 Members: \$290

MEMBERSHIP

Becoming a member of Tampa Bay Watch allows you an early registration and \$35 discount per child. Please purchase or renew, and verify your membership prior to registration. You can renew your membership and obtain your discount code at any time. Membership can be renewed online at tampabaywatch.org/membership and you can call TBW at (727) 867-8166 ext. 249 to obtain the discount code.

The discount code **MUST** be entered **AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION**, before payment, to receive the membership discount. ****Refunds will not be issued if the code is not applied at this time.****



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REGISTRATION

Registration will open for Tampa Bay Watch members on **Monday, March 4, 2019**. All other camp participants will be able to register on **Wednesday, March 6, 2019**. All participants must register online at **tampabaywatch.jumbula.com**.

If trying to register multiple children (siblings, cousins, friends, etc.) in a camp week, be sure to do so at the same time for the best chance at having them together. We cannot guarantee multiple children can be registered in the same camp session.

JUMBULA (REGISTRATION SOFTWARE)

All summer camp registrations are completed online via Jumbula. Registration must be completed by a parent or guardian. All waivers and forms will be signed during the registration process.

Login Instructions

Start with the menu button at the top right of the screen and proceed to click login/sign-up. Already a member or new family? This memberships does not refer to a Tampa Bay Watch membership, but rather a user of the registration software. If you registered for camp last year, you should have an existing Jumbula login. If not, you can create your new family login. Once logged in, click "Register Now!" to register for your desired camp week.

Waitlist

If a camp week is full, it will be indicated on that specific camp page. You can place your child on a waitlist at that time and staff will contact you if a spot becomes available. If available for different weeks, please place your child on each week's waitlist.

Member Discount

If you are a member, you must call Tampa Bay Watch at (727) 867-8166 ext. 249 to receive your discount code. This code must be applied prior to checkout. Refunds will not be issued if code is not applied during registration.

Scholarship Discount

If you have been awarded a scholarship, you must call Tampa Bay Watch at (727) 867-8166 ext. 224 to receive your discount code. This code must be applied prior to checkout.

If having issues with Jumbula, please call Jordan Findley at (727) 867-8166 ext. 224. Please be patient with the software and our registration process transition.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

All campers must be the appropriate age by the start day of their camp session; **no exceptions**.

Sea Monkey – 6-8 years old

Discovery Camp – 9-12 years old

Ocean Expedition Camp – 13-15 years old

If your camper has aged out of camp, but is interested in continuing the camp fun, please inquire about our Junior Counselor program starting at age 16. For more information, reference our camp website.

CAMP DOCUMENTS

All camp documents will be filled out at the time of registration (Liability Waiver, Medical Consent, Media Release, Code of Conduct, Cancellation/Refund Policy, and Nut Free Policy). No additional documents will be required on the first day of camp.

IMPORTANT HEALTH RESTRICTIONS

If your camper has special dietary, mental, physical, or other restrictions, please contact us directly **PRIOR** to registering to be sure we can accommodate your child. All medications sent with campers will need to be labeled, turned into staff at check-in, and left at TBW for the week if possible.



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SCHOLARSHIPS

Generous donations have allowed us to be able to offer multiple scholarships and we hope to continue to be able to offer them this year. Please visit tampabaywatch.org/camps to obtain and submit a scholarship application. Please read full terms and conditions before applying.

If you are interested in donating to our scholarship fund, please contact us!

LOCATION

All camps take place at the Tampa Bay Watch Marine Education Center on Tierra Verde. This ideal location in the Shell Key Preserve boasts rich mangrove forests, grass flats and shallow waters teeming with marine life, and provides a perfect setting for our summer campers to engage in hands-on opportunities to learn about marine ecology and participate in service-learning projects. Our classroom boat is a 32' Coast Guard certified catamaran that we use to transport students to exciting bay locations.

FACILITY

Our facility features an outdoor classroom complete with a fully equipped wet-lab and large aquarium tanks, while our indoor laboratory classroom is the perfect place to cool off and houses our lab equipment, interactive aquariums, and interpretive murals.

STAFF & COUNSELORS

With degrees in biology, marine biology, and environmental sciences, our professional staff has numerous years of experience teaching students of all ages in both formal and informal field settings! They are on site facilitating each day of camp throughout the summer and hold certifications in First Aid/CPR/AED. We are also fortunate to have college interns and junior counselors helping us with various sessions. All staff and counselors have gone through Level 2 background screening through the Division of Children and Families.

MEALS

Campers in full-day sessions must pack a lunch each day. Campers in half-day sessions may want to pack light snacks. It is recommended that all campers pack light snacks that are easy to eat "on the go" for mid-morning and afternoon. We will provide some small snack foods as well.

If your camper has **dietary restrictions**, be sure to list these during registration so we can discuss any accommodations that may need to be made.

All Friday full-day camp sessions end with a lunch time **pizza party** provided by Tampa Bay Watch. If your child has any dietary restrictions, please ensure that they still pack a lunch for Friday.

Nut-free – Due to a significant increase in severe nut allergies, Tampa Bay Watch will no longer allow items containing peanuts or tree nuts in camp. Please pack your camper's lunches and snacks accordingly. We greatly appreciate your help in keeping our campers safe and healthy.

WHAT TO BRING

Please label all gear to ensure it stays with your camper!

Required:

- Swimsuit and clothes that can get wet/dirty
- T-shirt to wear during water activities (all campers receive a Tampa Bay Watch Camp shirt)
- Lunch (full-day campers only)
- Sunscreen (lotion, not spray on, and ocean-friendly is suggested)
- Water bottle (all campers receive a reusable Tampa Bay Watch water bottle!)
- Closed-toe water shoes or old tennis shoes (cinch-down or tie-down are best)
- Flip flops or crocs to change into
- Towel
- Change of clothes
- Snorkel gear (mask and snorkel, fins are not suitable for most of the snorkeling sites)
- Extra t-shirt for craft activity



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What to Bring (cont'd)...

Suggested:

- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunshirts/rashguards
- Bug repellent
- Snacks
- Waterproof camera

FOUL WEATHER

We do our best to ensure that all planned activities are accomplished throughout the week, but safety is our first priority and the camp staff and captains reserve the right to change the daily schedule based on weather conditions (i.e. rain, high winds). Cancelled boating or kayaking trips will not warrant a refund. In the event of more extreme foul weather (i.e. tropical storm, hurricane, power outage, etc.) where a camp session cannot be completed, the schedule will be adjusted and refunds will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

No refunds will be issued for: cancellations within 14 days of session start date, if camper does not show up for camp session, or if camper is dismissed from camp by camp staff for behavioral issues. Prior to 14 days before session start date, cancelled registrations will be assessed for a refund and a \$25 administrative fee will be applied if a refund is awarded. If you have questions about a refund please contact us at 727-867-8166 ext. 246.

CAMP PHOTOS

Throughout the week of camp, counselors will be taking photos to capture all of the fun times we are having! Photos will be made available after your child's camp week at no charge through Shutterfly. The Shutterfly link will be accessible through the Tampa Bay Watch website. Please give staff ample time to upload camp photos after our camper's session.

CONTACT US

For questions regarding our Estuary EDventures Summer Camps, contact Jordan Findley at jfindley@tampabaywatch.org or 727-867-8166 ext. 224, or Katie Mastenbrook Director of Education at kmastenbrook@tampabaywatch.org or 727-867-8166 ext. 246.