



Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center Announces Sea Science After-Care Academy and ExPIERences

St. Petersburg, FL (September 3, 2020) - Is your child interested in science or marine biology? Come ExPIERience Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center's fun filled afterschool programs on the St. Pete Pier! Whether you are currently enrolled in school, virtual learning, or homeschooling these supplemental marine science programs will keep your students engaged and excited about learning.

The Discovery Center's afterschool programs are taught by exceptional education staff covering a large range of marine science topics from ocean animals, animal behavior, chemistry, and much more! Each week is themed and ever-changing to keep your young scientist captivated and wanting more. Programs are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays for 6-8 year olds and Wednesdays and Fridays for 9-12 year olds and run from 4-5:30 PM on each day. Fees range from \$12 for one day, \$20 for one week, or \$75 for one month.

The Discovery Center has also begun to work with small groups (maximum of 20 students) conducting enriching marine science programs for in-depth marine science experiences. Program examples include Pier into Plankton Lab, Invertebrate Investigation, Water Quality Lab, Plant Biology, Lionfish Dissection Lab, Trophic Level Teachings, and more! One class is considered a one-hour lesson and includes a tour and admission to the Exhibit Gallery. The program fee for one class is \$100 and two classes costs \$190.

For more information on the aftercare program or small group exPIERiences, visit tbwdiscoverycenter.org or contact Audrey Mitchell at amitchell@tampabaywatch.org.

The [Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center](#) on the St. Pete Pier is a significant new addition to the education and conservation efforts of Tampa Bay Watch and is integral to the advancement of the organization's mission. The Discovery Center is an interactive visitor experience showcasing the economic, ecological and recreational value of the Tampa Bay estuary to residents and visitors as well as an academic component that expands environmental and educational outreach programs to Tampa Bay area schools, residents, and visitors.

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About Tampa Bay Watch

Tampa Bay Watch is a nonprofit 501 (c)(3) stewardship program dedicated exclusively to the charitable and scientific purpose of protecting and restoring the marine and wetland environments of the Tampa Bay estuary encompassing over 400 square miles of open water and 2,300 square miles of highly- developed watershed. Tampa Bay Watch involves more than 10,000 youth and adult volunteers each year in hands on habitat restoration projects. For more information, visit <http://www.tampabaywatch.org> or call 727-867-8166.