



Family Field Trip Series



Trawling Tampa Bay Eco-Cruise

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What to Expect

Climb aboard our classroom vessel for a sunset excursion while exploring the bay habitats and the biodiversity within. Using an otter trawl net, animals are collected and participants investigate native species and their survival strategies. This trip begins with a brief introduction to the common fish species of Tampa Bay and their unique adaptations. The majority of this activity will be aboard our classroom vessel, collecting species and enjoying the bay from the water. Participants get an up-close and personal encounter with the animals collected before their release back into the estuary.

Participants will be embarking and disembarking the classroom vessel from the Tampa Bay Watch dock. Depending on tides, loading may require the use of a pool ladder. All children must be five years of age or older and must be accompanied by an adult. All participants must wear a life jacket provided by Tampa Bay Watch. Upon arrival, all participants must sign a liability waiver before boarding the classroom vessel.

Estuary EDventures Classroom Vessel

Our boat is a 32' Coast Guard-certified, dual-hull beach catamaran. This steady-riding vessel gives us the opportunity to venture into the estuary and explore the habitats from a different perspective. The boat will remain inshore on calm waters. During the activity, our vessel will aid our trained educators in deploying permitted scientific collection gear to demonstrate our catch-and-release trawling methods used to view a snapshot of the bay's inhabitants.

Limitations and Cancellations

This program is weather dependent. Tampa Bay Watch reserves the right to cancel any eco-tour due to inclement weather or water conditions, including but not limited to swift current, severe winds, or persistent rain and thunderstorms. Furthermore, in an effort to maintain safe operations, Tampa Bay Watch also reserves the right to modify or discontinue programs due to safety concerns regarding COVID-19.

Cancellations will be made two hours prior to departure, at the latest, via email. In the unlikely event of a cancellation, a full refund will be issued. If you need to cancel your registration, we request a five business day notice prior to the scheduled event date in order to receive a full refund.

Tampa Bay Watch is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our volunteers, visitors, and staff. In compliance with CDC guidelines, Tampa Bay Watch has implemented a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan in response to the pandemic. Our goal is to reduce the potential for transmission of COVID-19, requiring full cooperation of all visitors and program participants. Participants will be expected to social distance and wear a face covering/mask while on property and on the classroom vessel.