



# 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 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 full-day options.
- **Discovery Camp** is for kids ages 9-12 and offers an in-depth look at the Tampa Bay estuary.
- **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** estuary waters off of our 32’ USCG-inspected classroom boat, participating in **hands-on marine science labs**, 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	Prices
<b>SEA MONKEY CAMP</b> (AGES 6-8)	<b>FULL-DAY (9AM-4PM)</b> June 13-17 June 27-July 1 July 25-29	<b>Non-members: \$350</b> <b>Members: \$315</b>
<b>DISCOVERY CAMP</b> (AGES 9-12)	<b>FULL-DAY (9AM-4PM)</b> June 20-24 July 18-22 August 1-5	
<b>OCEAN EXPEDITION CAMP</b> (AGES 13-15)	<b>FULL-DAY (9AM-4PM)</b> July 11-15	

## MEMBERSHIP

Becoming a member of Tampa Bay Watch allows you a 10% discount off summer camp session purchase. 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](http://tampabaywatch.org/membership) and you can call TBW at (727) 867-8166 ext. 241 to obtain your 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.\*\***

## REGISTRATION

Registration will open on Monday, March 7, 2022. Participants must register online at [tampabaywatch.jumbula.com](http://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 to be registered in the same camp session.



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## 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. Login as "Already a member" or "New family." This membership does not refer to a Tampa Bay Watch membership, but rather a user of the registration software. If you have registered for camp previously, 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. 241 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 registration process.

## AGE RESTRICTIONS

All campers must be the appropriate age by the start 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, Covid Protocols 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, or physical needs or 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.

## COVID PROTOCOLS

Tampa Bay Watch is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our campers, families, and staff. In compliance with CDC guidelines, Tampa Bay Watch has implemented a COVID-19 Preparedness Plan and procedures in response to the pandemic. Our goal is to reduce the potential for transmission of COVID-19, requiring full cooperation of all visitors and camp participants. As we do our due diligence to ensure everyone's safety, we kindly ask participants to follow COVID-19 protocols while on property. We ask that parents please keep their child at home if he or she is ill or exhibiting symptoms, or has been exposed to COVID-19. Through this cooperative effort, we can establish and maintain the health and safety of all. Tampa Bay Watch reserves the right to modify or discontinue camps, if necessary, to maintain safe operations. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and understanding during this unprecedented time. A more detailed COVID-19 protocol and procedures



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document will be sent to participants after registration. Mask policy: Tampa Bay Watch requires all camp participants and visitors to wear a face covering/mask while inside a Tampa Bay Watch building and participating in programming, regardless of vaccination status

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Generous donations allow us to offer multiple scholarships each year, and we hope to continue to be able to offer them this year. Please visit [tampabaywatch.org/camps](http://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 in Tierra Verde. This ideal location in the Shell Key Preserve boasts rich mangrove forests, grass flats, and shallow waters teeming with marine life. Our facility 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 used to transport students to various bay locations.

## FACILITY

Our facility features an outdoor classroom complete with a fully equipped wet-lab and large aquariums, while our indoor classroom is the perfect place to cool off and participate in marine science labs and activities. Our classroom houses our lab equipment, activity resources, and observation aquariums—including our diamondback terrapin!

## 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 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 Department of Children and Families.

## MEALS

Campers must pack a lunch each day. 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.

Each Friday of full-day camp sessions ends with a lunchtime **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

Tampa Bay Watch summer camp is **nut-free** to maintain a healthy environment for those with severe nut allergies. Tree nut and peanut products of any sort are not permitted at Tampa Bay Watch. This includes, but is not limited to: almonds, cashews, hazelnuts, macadamia nuts, pecans, peanuts, pine nuts, pistachios, walnuts, and nut butters of these varieties. Please pack your camper’s lunches and snacks accordingly. Please note that Tampa Bay Watch staff reserves the right to withhold any nut product and return items home with the child at the end of the camp day. 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



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- T-shirt to wear during water activities (all campers receive a Tampa Bay Watch camp shirt)
- Lunch
- Sunscreen (lotion, not spray on, and ocean-friendly is suggested)
- Water bottle (all campers receive a reusable Tampa Bay Watch water bottle)
- Water shoes or old tennis shoes that completely cover feet (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 permitted)
- Extra t-shirt for craft activity

## 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 camp staff and captains reserve the right to change the daily schedule based on weather conditions (e.g. rain, high winds). Cancelled boating or kayaking trips will not warrant a refund. In the event of more extreme foul weather (e.g. 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.

## RED TIDE CANCELLATION POLICY

Tampa Bay Watch will monitor red tide conditions and adapt programming accordingly. If red tide occurs in low to medium concentrations, camp will continue and be modified to maintain camper safety. If red tide occurs in high concentrations and/or water quality is poor, and we are unable to get into the water or on the boat for the week, we will modify camp to provide quality indoor and outdoor programming. If unable to proceed with water activities, Tampa Bay Watch will allow for a full refund for camp participants if you decide to cancel your registration. However, cancellations must take place at least one week prior to the start of your scheduled camp session in order to receive a refund. Red tide updates and notifications will be sent to parents/guardians via email as necessary. As always, in the unlikely event Tampa Bay Watch has to cancel a summer camp session, we will do our best to provide timely notification and offer a full refund to all registered campers.

## CAMP PHOTOS

Throughout the week of camp, counselors will be taking photos to capture all of the fun your child is having. Photos will be made available at the end of the summer 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 succeeding summer camp.

## CONTACT US

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