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SPRING BREAK CAMP



Our Estuary EDventures Spring Break Camp includes a single day of hands-on marine science labs, animal encounters, estuary exploration, and sea-themed crafts and games! Participants are guaranteed to immerse themselves in an unforgettable experience.

OVERVIEW

We offer five themed camp days for campers 6-10 years old. Each day runs from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, \$65/day, with 14 spots per day. Estuary EDventures camps are located at 3000 Pinellas Bayway S., Tierra Verde, FL.



Monday, March 14 Invertebrate Investigation

Dive into the wild world of crabs, shrimp, worms, snails, and more that make Tampa Bay their home.



Tuesday, March 15 Apex Action- Ocean Predators

Learn about the estuary's top predators and how they have become so successful.



Wednesday, March 16 Fishy Frenzy

Explore the many fish species that live in the Tampa Bay estuary and the unique adaptations they have to survive.



Thursday, March 17 Talkin' Turtles

Learn about the life of our endangered sea turtle species and discuss ways to help conserve these ancient reptiles.



Friday, March 18 Microscopic Mayhem

Examine the diversity of life that is unseen in plain sight and the strategies used by teeny life to survive in the estuary.

REGISTRATION

Registration will open for Estuary EDventures Spring Break Camp on January 3, 2022. All participants must register online at tampabaywatch.jumbula.com.

JUMBULA (REGISTRATION SOFTWARE)

All Spring Break 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:

- Select "Login/Sign up" at the top right of the page.
- Log in as "Already a user" or "New user." If you have registered for camp previously, you should have an existing login. If not, create your new user login.
- You can create or update your account prior to registration. Select the "home" tab at the top of your account page to edit participant information.

AGE RESTRICTIONS

Spring Break Camp is for campers between the ages of 6-10 years old. All participants must be in the designated age bracket by the day they are attending camp.

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 CAMPER 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.



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LOCATION

Estuary EDventures Spring Break Camp takes 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 proximity to the water allows us to navigate the estuary on our 32' Coast Guard-certified catamaran, transporting students to various bay locations.

FACILITY

Our facility provides a perfect setting for our campers to engage in hands-on opportunities to learn about marine biology and ecology. Our outdoor classroom is 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 ambassador 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 and hold certifications in First Aid/CPR/AED. All staff have completed a Level 2 background screening through the Florida Department of Children and Families.

MEALS

Lunch and snacks will not be provided. Campers must pack lunch and morning/afternoon snacks (if desired) for each day. Spring Break Camp is nut-free.

NUT-FREE POLICY

Tampa Bay Watch camps are 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
- T-shirt to wear during water activities
- Lunch
- Sunscreen (lotion, not spray on, and ocean-friendly is suggested)
- Water bottle
- Water shoes or old tennis shoes that completely cover feet (cinch-down or tie-down are best)
- Towel
- Change of clothes/footwear
- Face mask/covering

Suggested:

- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunshirts/rashguards
- Snacks



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FOUL WEATHER CONTINGENCY

We do our best to ensure that all planned activities are accomplished throughout the camp day, 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).

COVID PROTOCOL

Tampa Bay Watch is committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for our volunteers, employees, students, and visitors. We have updated processes to ensure Tampa Bay Watch is operating in accordance with the guidance of the state and federal governments and the Centers for Disease Control.

As we do our due diligence to ensure everyone's safety, we kindly ask participants to follow COVID-19 protocol while on property and adhere to the following:

- **Please keep your camper at home if he/she is ill or exhibiting symptoms, or has been exposed to COVID-19.**
- **Participate in daily temperature checks.**
- **Participants will be sent home for a temperature reading 100.4°F (38°C) or above.**
- **Wear a face covering/mask while indoors, regardless of vaccination status.**
- **Report if your camper or someone in your household tests positive for COVID-19.**

Parents/guardians will not be permitted to enter the classroom. Pick-up and drop-off will be held in the outdoor wet-lab. Lunch will be held indoors in the classroom. Campers will be seated in a spaced manner while indoors to maintain social distancing as best as possible. Reported positive COVID-19 test results will result in the suspension of camp.

FACE MASK REQUIREMENTS

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. Face masks are not required for outdoor activities. Tampa Bay Watch encourages campers to bring their own mask to camp, but disposable masks will be provided in the event a camper does not bring their own.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY

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. Any cancellation made less than five business days prior to the scheduled event date will result in a full refund amount, minus a \$25 processing fee. In the event of an unavoidable emergency or medical concern related to COVID-19, a full refund will be issued. Tampa Bay Watch reserves the right to modify or discontinue programs due to inclement weather or to maintain safe operations. In the unlikely event of a cancellation, a full refund will be issued. If you have questions about cancellations and/or refunds please contact us at 727-867-8166 ext. 246.

CONTACT US

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