



Florida  
Oceanographic  
Coastal Center

# Teen Immersion Experiences 2021

Discover the wonders of Hutchinson Island, a barrier island located between America's most bio-diverse estuary, the Indian River Lagoon, and the Atlantic Ocean. Participants will experience a variety of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems and interact with Florida Oceanographic's wide array of live marine animals. Instruction and activities will focus on one of two topics below. These daily hands-on, feet-wet experiences are designed to inspire environmental stewardship and a greater understanding of our coastal home.

## Snorkeling and Reef ID 101

Create some bubbles in this snorkeling-intensive camp. Learn the basics of snorkeling, how to identify local marine life, and conduct REEF fish surveys as we explore different popular snorkeling sites, including Dubois Park, Bathtub Reef Beach, and Blue Heron Bridge.

~~Ages 13-16 | 8am-2pm | July 12-16~~



Pictures from 2019

## Expedition: Florida

Explore the wilds of Florida and the fascinating ecosystems that make our state unique. Participants will hike through our mangrove forest, snorkel Dubois Park, go fishing, and much more as they learn about the plants and animals that call these places home.

~~Ages 12-14 | 8am-2pm | July 26-30~~



Pictures from 2019

Contact Shannon Dack, Camp Director,  
at 772-225-0505 ext. 118, or  
[sdack@floridaocean.org](mailto:sdack@floridaocean.org)

Registration packets available for download or at the Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center

Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center ~ 890 NE Ocean Blvd. ~ Stuart, FL 34996 ~ [www.floridaocean.org](http://www.floridaocean.org)

# Teen Immersion Experience Reminders

## PLEASE KEEP THIS PAGE

### Drop Off/Pick Up Policy:

- Drop off is from 7:30 to 8:00am in the parking lot outside of the Coastal Center entrance.
- If you will be later than 8:00am or your participant will not be attending that day, please call and let us know: 772-233-0011**
- Parent/guardian must sign participants in and out with a staff member every day
- Please bear in mind your participant will be missing out on quality experiences if not dropped off on time
- Parents may car pool if adult is on participant's list of authorized individuals for pick-up/drop-off
- Please pick-up promptly at 2pm
- A **photo ID**, such as a driver's license, **is required** to sign out a participant
- If the participant will be driving themselves, they must check-in and out similarly to parents. They will NOT be allowed to visit their car during program hours.
- A courtesy phone call will be made at 2:10pm if the participant has not been picked up, and an additional fee of \$1.00 per minute will be charged after 2:15pm.

### Participants should WEAR each day:

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- Closed-toe water shoes (may also bring/wear gym shoes)
- Immersion T-shirt (will be passed out first day)
- Swimsuit
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Please note anything worn may get dirty/wet

#### Snorkeling and Reef ID 101

- Closed-toe shoes such as gym shoes or cros
- Swimsuit and rash-guard/swim shirt
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Please note anything worn may get dirty/wet

### Participants should BRING each day:

#### Expedition: Florida

- Mask, buff, or neck gaiter (please label)
- Reusable water bottle
- Lunch and snack—Due to allergy concerns with our participants, please refrain from food including peanuts
- Hat and/or sunglasses
- Change of clothes and towel
- Bug spray and sunscreen
- If possible, mask, snorkel, and fins for snorkeling day

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Do NOT bring valuables or electronic devices. Cell phones will be permitted, but will only be used to contact the parent/guardian and will be stored at all other times.

### Cancellation Policy:

Cancellations made more than two weeks prior to your session will be refunded, minus a \$25 administrative fee. No refunds will be given if registration is cancelled within two weeks of your session.

### Participant Conduct:

Participants are expected to obey and respect Florida Oceanographic staff and rules. Participants will respect other participants by not using inappropriate language, hitting, pushing, or inappropriately touching other participants. The parent or guardian will be notified of any behavioral problems during the week. Serious or repeated misbehavior may result in consequences up to and including dismissal from the summer program without refund.

**Please retain this sheet for your information. Thank you.**

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Due to COVID-19, our summer camp is going to look slightly different than years past. We are committed to making the experience as close to normal as possible; however we have implemented a few new guidelines and policies to ensure the safety of your campers and our staff.

**-Group Size:** All camps will run with a maximum of 18 campers (and 3-4 counselors).

**-Group Stability:** All campers must sign up for a full week of camp. Within a given camp week, the same group of children will be interacting with each other every day.

**-Masks for Staff:** Staff members will be required to wear a mask or facial covering at all times (except while eating or drinking or underwater).

**-Masks for Campers:** All campers will be required to bring a mask or facial covering with them to camp each day. Campers without a facial covering will not be allowed to enter camp that day. A “buff”, neck gaiter, or similar fitted facial covering is an acceptable substitute for a mask. Campers will ONLY be required to wear a mask while exploring the FOS Visitor Center (our indoor aquarium and exhibit area), in the Ocean Eco-Center exhibit galleries and classroom (inclement weather, movie time, taking a break from the heat, crafts, etc.), in other indoor locations (possible field trips to indoor facilities), and when riding in the FOS vans. At all other times, mask use by campers is entirely optional. Parents are encouraged to instruct their campers on how and when to wear a mask outside of the required times outlined above.

**-Masks for other Coastal Center visitors** (our daily public guests/staff/volunteers): At the current time, all FOS staff members, volunteers, and daily guests are required to wear a facial covering while at the Coastal Center. At the present, the Coastal Center is closed to the public on Mondays and Tuesdays.

**-Physical Distancing:** We will NOT be requiring strict physical distancing among campers. Florida Oceanographic Society feels that it is not reasonable to expect children to stay physically separated from one another during a fun, exciting, and educational summer camp experience. There will be games, activities, and crafts where campers will be closer than 6 feet from each other.

**-Cleaning:** Any indoor surfaces (tables, chairs, etc.) will be cleaned daily after use. Hand sanitizer will be provided for campers to use at any time. We will require hand washing after particularly messy or high-contact activities and before and after eating.

**-Daily health questionnaire:** Each day, at drop off, parents will be asked a series of questions about their child’s health. Before a child will be allowed to enter Florida Oceanographic Society property, parents will have to verbally confirm that their child’s temperature has been taken that morning and is lower than 100.4 degrees. Parents will also have to confirm that their child is not experiencing any symptoms of COVID-19 and has not come into close contact with anyone suspected of having COVID-19. If a camper develops symptoms of COVID-19 during a camp day (cough, fever, etc.), they will be sent home early. If symptoms persist, the camper will be asked to skip the next day of camp. Although Florida Oceanographic Society does not typically offer camp refunds in the event of unexpected illness, in cases where camp days are missed due to documented COVID-19 symptoms, we will offer a prorated refund.



# Summer Week Registration

Specialty week registered for (please circle):

~~Snorkeling and Reef ID 101~~  
~~July 12-16~~

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Participant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age for their Week: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in fall: \_\_\_\_\_

School attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City, State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Custody: Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Father \_\_\_\_\_ Both \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact if Parent/Guardian not available:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Member of Florida Oceanographic? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

How did you hear about the Specialty Immersions?

**T-shirt size** (please circle one): *Youth* S M L XL *Adult* S M L XL

Each child will be issued **one** Immersion shirt.

Additional shirts may be purchased for \$10.00/shirt . # of extra shirts \_\_\_\_\_

## Camp Cost:

Immersion Week      Member: \$210      Non-Member: \$250

Name _____
Credit Card # _____
Exp. _____ 3-digit CVC: _____
Billing Zip Code _____

**Additional Shirt \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Week Cost \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Total \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Participant's Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical History**

Does your child have any allergies? \_\_\_\_\_

Please Specify: \_\_\_\_\_

Does your child have any medical problems or special concerns (physical, mental, emotional) which would have an effect on the child's participation in this activity? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please describe: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE PROVIDE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CHILD'S PARTICIPATION (LIMITED ACTIVITIES, MEDICATIONS, DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, etc.) IN THE SPACE PROVIDED BELOW.**

*If your child has special or unique needs, please contact Camp Director Shannon Dack to determine whether we will be able to provide a safe and enjoyable camp experience.*

**Medical Consent**

Name of Child's Family Physician: \_\_\_\_\_

Physician's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical or hospitalization insurance which provides benefits for this child:**

Name of Insurance Co.: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number of Insurance Co.: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy No. of Insurance Plan: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Policy Holder: \_\_\_\_\_

This health history form is correct to the best of my knowledge, and the person herein described has permission to engage in all prescribed activities except as noted. (please check box to confirm)

**Pick-Up Release Consent Form**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, grant permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ to be dropped off and/or picked up by the following individuals. **Only persons listed below will be authorized to pick up your child. Persons must come with appropriate photo identification.**

**Name of Person (s)**

**Relation to Child**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Under no circumstance should the following people be allowed to pick-up my child:**

**Name of Person (s)**

**Relation to Child**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Participant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY AUTHORIZATION:** I hereby give permission to the medical personnel selected by the Florida Oceanographic Society to order emergency care for my child, and in the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby authorize any examinations, tests, treatments and medicine deemed necessary by the emergency physician or personnel for my child as named above and further agree to pay the cost and expense of the treatment described above. I also hereby grant permission to the Florida Oceanographic Society staff to treat minor cuts, scrapes, burns (including sunburns) and stings with basic First Aid treatment.

### Swimming Consent Form

I grant permission for my child to participate in swimming, seining, and other water-related activities during Teen Immersion Experiences 2021 at Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center. *I certify that my child is a competent swimmer.*

### Photo and Quotation Release Form

I hereby grant permission to Florida Oceanographic Society to take and use photographs of my child on the Florida Oceanographic website and/or in other official printed publications without further consideration. I acknowledge the right of Florida Oceanographic staff to crop or treat the photographs at their discretion. I also acknowledge that the staff at Florida Oceanographic may not choose to use my photographs at this time, but may use them at a later date at their own discretion. I understand that photographs posted on the World Wide Web are accessible and can be copied by any computer user. I hereby grant permission to Florida Oceanographic Society to use quotations made by my child for advertising purposes. Therefore, I agree to indemnify and hold harmless from any claims all directors, members, employees, and volunteers of Florida Oceanographic, Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center, and the Florida Oceanographic Society. Florida Oceanographic reserves the right to discontinue use of photographs or quotations without notice.

### Off-Site Transport Consent

I hereby grant permission to the Florida Oceanographic Society to transport my child off-site for a variety of camp field trips and other activities. I acknowledge that scheduled activities are subject to change at the discretion of the Florida Oceanographic Society.

### Program Waiver

As parent or legal guardian, I hereby give permission for my child to participate in Teen Immersion Experiences 2021, organized by Florida Oceanographic Society. I affirm that all the information I have provided is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. By signing below I understand that my child is participating in a program which includes certain risks associated with outdoor activities. My child is voluntarily participating in this program and I hold harmless the Florida Oceanographic Society from all responsibilities of personal injury. I hereby waive any and all claims against the Florida Oceanographic Society, its directors, members, employees, and volunteers for any damages, injuries, loss or liability which may occur during his/her participation in this program, whether on Coastal Center property, in transit, or at a separate location on a field trip.

Name of Participant (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian (PRINT) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Witness  
(signed by non-family member) \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_