



Coastal Discovery Half-Day Summer Camp 2022

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. Campers will experience a variety of aquatic and terrestrial ecosystems, conduct fun and relevant science experiments, and interact with Florida Oceanographic's wide array of live marine animals. Instruction and activities will focus on conservation of natural habitats by learning about a variety of plant and animal species. These daily hands-on, feet-wet experiences are designed to inspire curiosity and creativity.

Junior Explorers *Half-Day Camp*

Get ready to get salty! Learn about the plants and meet the animals that call our Coastal Center and local waterways home. Get up-close and personal as we explore each animal group and their unique characteristics with hands-on activities, outdoor games, and crafts. We'll go dipnetting, walk our nature trail, and take a field trip to the beach. Join the fun!

Ages 5-6 | 9am-12pm | June 6-10



Pictures from 2019

Contact Shannon Dack, Camp Director,
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Registration available online at www.FloridaOcean.org.

Coastal Discovery Summer Camp Information and Protocols

Drop Off/Pick Up Policy:

- Drop off is from 8:30 to 9:00am in the parking lot outside of the Coastal Center entrance.
- If you will be later than 9:00am or your camper will not be attending that day, please call and let us know: 772-233-0011**
- Parent/guardian must sign children in and out with a staff member every day.
- Please bear in mind your child will be missing out on quality experiences if not dropped off on time.
- Parents may car pool if the driver is on camper's list of authorized adults for pick-up/drop-off.
- Please pick-up children promptly at 12:00pm.
- A **photo ID**, such as a driver's license, **is required** to sign out a child.
- A courtesy phone call will be made at 12:10pm if the child has not been picked up, and an additional fee of \$1.00 per minute will be charged after 12:15pm.

Campers should WEAR each day:

- Closed-toe shoes, such as gym shoes or crocs
- Camp T-shirt (will be passed out first day of camp)
- Sunscreen and bug spray
- Swimsuit (on specified days)
- Please note: anything worn to camp may get dirty/wet

Campers should BRING each day:

- Water bottle (preferably a reusable bottle)
 - Snack for half day camp—Due to allergy concerns with our campers, please refrain from food including peanuts
 - Closed-toe water shoes (not crocs or flip-flops)
 - Hat and/or sunglasses
 - Change of clothes, towel
 - Bug spray
- Do NOT bring valuables or electronic devices to camp (cell phones will be permitted, but will only be used to contact the parent/guardian and will be stored during camp hours)

Cancellation Policy:

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

Camper Conduct:

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

Age Difference in Camp Group:

Campers interested in our 5-6 year old half day camp must have attended pre-kindergarten. If your camper is 5 years old and will be entering pre-kindergarten in the fall, they will be welcome to join us next summer for our half day camp. Exceptions to the age groupings for sibling campers may be made at the discretion of Florida Oceanographic staff.

Please retain this sheet for your information. Thank you.

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Our summer camp team is committed to making the experience a safe and fun learning environment; we have implemented these 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 asked to follow current CDC guidelines at the time of camp.

-Masks for Campers: Mask or facial covering use by campers is entirely optional. Parents are encouraged to instruct their campers on how and when to wear a mask when at camp. Should our 8-11 year old camps embark on field trips to other facilities this year, we will follow their protocols during our visit. This may require mask or facial covering use during certain field trips; we will notify you of any deviation from our guidelines one week before your camper's first day.

-Masks for other Coastal Center visitors (our daily public guests/non-camp staff/volunteers): At the current time, FOS staff members, volunteers, and daily guests are following the current CDC guidelines. Facial coverings are optional 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 activities and before and after eating.

-Daily health assessment: Each day, at drop off, parents will be asked 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.