



Florida  
Oceanographic  
Coastal Center

# Teen Immersion Experiences 2022

**D**iscover 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.

## 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 11-15



Pictures from 2019

## 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 | August 1-5



Pictures from 2019

Contact Shannon Dack, Camp Director,  
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Registration available online at [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 driver is on participant's list of authorized adults 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
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### Participants should BRING each day:

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- Mask, buff, or neck gaiter (optional)
- 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 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 follow 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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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 Participants:** Mask or facial covering use by participants is entirely optional while on Florida Oceanographic Coastal Center grounds. Parents are encouraged to instruct their teens on how and when to wear a mask when at camp. During field trips to other facilities, 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 teen'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 participants. 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 participants 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 participants 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.