



**TAMPA BAY WATCH
DISCOVERY CENTER™**

Marine Science on the Move

Offsite Field Trips

After School

Onsite Field Trips

Dear Educators,

At Tampa Bay Watch, hands-on field trips are our specialty — we think every child in this region should have a chance to explore the estuary! Based on your feedback, we understand that arranging transportation for students can pose a challenge, so we designed a way to bring marine science directly to you. Marine Science on the Move will offer visits to your classroom, in addition to the traditional field trips we host on the St. Pete Pier.

Whether you choose a daytime visit from our team or decide to organize a series of themed after school sessions, our enthusiastic educators will arrive with activities and animal ambassadors in tow. We'll deliver engaging lessons that are aligned with the Sunshine State Standards.

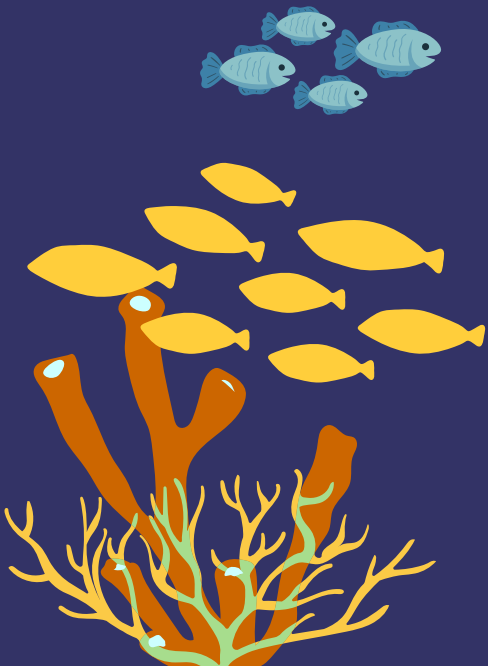
Funding is available to subsidize costs for Title I schools in Pinellas County. Please contact us with inquiries. We would love to help you plan a meaningful learning opportunity for your class.

Sincerely,

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To learn more, visit us at
tbwdiscoverycenter.org/mobile-classroom



Offsite Field Trips

We Bring the Bay to You!



Lionfish for Lunch

Lionfish are intriguing and beautiful, but they are also deadly invasive predators that impact Florida's marine ecosystems. Discover what makes the lionfish so harmful during an interactive lesson that includes a state of the art, iPad-based virtual dissection.

45 minutes, Grades 3 - 12



Estuary Encounters

Home to a wide variety of species across numerous habitats, Tampa Bay is the largest estuary in Florida. During this program, we'll deliver the estuary and some of its inhabitants to you via our mobile touch tank. Students will learn about the magic that happens where the river meets the sea, and how to identify some common marine species.

45 minutes, Grades K - 12



Herpetology 101

Across Florida, you can find reptiles slithering and amphibians leaping from one place to another. A visit from our animal ambassadors will show your class what makes these creatures so unique. We'll talk about some of their key characteristics, why they are important, and how to protect them!

45 minutes, Grades K - 12

All field trips with ≤ 25 students are \$350. Funding opportunities are available for Title I schools. Please contact tbwdceducation@tampabaywatch.org to learn more.

After School at Your School

Science experiments, animal interactions, ocean crafts, and more! Offered during the fall and spring semesters, the Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center provides STEM-focused after school programs at select Pinellas County schools to keep students engaged and learning in the afternoon. Each month will feature a different theme, divided into four weekly topics.

Below is a sample of one month:



Animal Classifications

Traverse the animal kingdom with us as we discover the diversity of our local ecosystem!

Week 1: Fishy Friends

Week 2: Radical Reptiles

Week 3: No Bone Zone

Week 4: Magical Mammals

FAQs

- Participating schools are asked to provide classroom space
- Maximum of 25 students per session
- Grades K - 5, schools can determine which grades to enroll
- Parents pay \$80 for 4 monthly sessions (unless Title I funding applies)
- Ask us about funding for Title I schools



Onsite Field Trips

Visit Us on the Pier!

Treat your students to hands-on learning at its best at the Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center on the St. Petersburg Pier! We offer a variety of fun, engaging programs that can be customized for grades K-12. Choose from our menu of STEM-themed lessons and labs designed to inspire young learners to investigate the natural world. All field trips to the Discovery Center include an optional tour of our exhibit gallery and can be paired with a boat trip on our eco-vessel. For more information, please view our on site field trip flyer.

Field Trip Options (~45 minutes)

Lionfish Dissection Invertebrate Investigation



Pier Into Plankton

And Many More!



Add an Eco-Vessel Experience (~90 minutes)

Board our 45-foot eco-vessel, "Discovery", for a unique, field-based learning experience. Our educators will lead your group through interactive marine science programming. Every trip includes a trawl net pull to sample the seagrass and count marine life. It's science in action!



Pricing

Lab Only

(≤25 students, 2 chaperones): \$150

Eco-Vessel Experience

(≤25 students, 2 chaperones ~90 minutes): \$300

Lab and Eco-Vessel Experience

(≤25 students and 2 chaperones): \$450

Funding is available to help make field trips affordable for qualifying groups.

Options are available for groups of up to 50 students.



Testimonials

"I run the local homeschool group, and we have been hosting classes at the Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center since 2020. All of their classes are HANDS-ON labs. We love that! The students are using microscopes, doing dissections, making models, and finding their own specimens. The classes are always informative and fun! The Discovery Center has been an amazing partner to our homeschool families and has enriched the science education for our students. We are so grateful to live where we can benefit from such an awesome resource."

- Stefanie Dozier, Gulfside Art & Science Academy (GASA)



"I had not yet been to the Discovery Center, and was blown away by the facility. The classroom section was also very impressive and engaging, the kiddos loved it and got a lot out of it!"

- Austin Crawford, Pathfinder Outdoor Education

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