



Summer Camp 2024

at the Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center

Welcome to Summer Camp 2024: A Sea of Senses!

Thank you for choosing to spend part of your summer break with us at the Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center. We're excited to explore the bay with your camper(s). Please review this packet to ensure you are well prepared for the program. See you soon!

Included in this packet:

- Weekly themes
- Daily agenda
- Drop off / pick up information
- General information
- Packing list
- Contact information





Weekly Themes

As humans, we rely on just five senses to experience the world around us - but animals take sensory exploration to the next level! From transforming electrical signals into dinner to smelling with their tongues, this summer we're going to explore the many ways Tampa Bay's resident creatures depend on their super senses for survival. And it wouldn't be camp without weekly boat trips, snorkeling, surfing, habitat exploration, games, labs, and crafts! Join us on the St. Pete Pier for a sensational blend of fun and science. Monday to Friday from 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

Ages 6 - 8

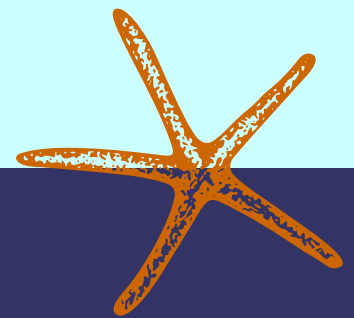
- **June 3 - 7:**
 - Kingsnake Week: Lick to Locate
- **June 17 - 21:**
 - Roseate Spoonbill: Feathered Feelers
- **July 15 - 19:**
 - Jellyfish Week: Mysterious Movers
- **July 29 - August 2:**
 - Mantis Shrimp Week: Beyond the Rainbow Realm

Ages 9 - 12

- **June 10 - 14:**
 - Horseshoe Crab Week: Oodles of Eyeballs
- **July 8 - 12:**
 - Barracuda Week: Shining Under Pressure
- **July 22 - 26:**
 - Hammerhead Week: An Ampullae Adventure

Ages 13 - 15

- **June 24 - 28:**
 - Guardians of the Gulf



Reminders

- Please bring your ID to camp pick up every day. At the start of camp, guardians will be asked to confirm person(s) authorized to drop off and/or pick up their child. All persons picking up campers will be asked to present an ID at pick up.
- We do not offer before or after care. If your camper must miss any portion of the day, staff should be notified as soon as possible. Activities will proceed as scheduled to ensure all camp participants enjoy the full experience.
- Please be prepared to confirm or clarify any medical needs or other special needs your camper has at drop off.



Daily Agenda

The following is a general agenda that we will follow each day. Changes may be made in case of inclement weather or other conditions out of our control.

9:00 AM: Drop off

AM:

Monday

Beach time / interactive activity

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

Eco-vessel experience

(boating, trawling, bird watching)

Friday

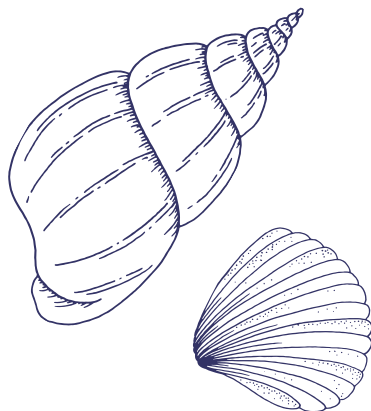
Guest speaker / interactive activity

12:00 - 1:00 PM: Lunch

PM:

Lab / interactive activity /
art / beach time

4:00 PM: Pick up



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, lightning, high winds).

If foul weather occurs during the drop off or pick up time, campers will be kept inside the Discovery Center for safety. You will be responsible for walking your camper up or down the pier. If it occurs once the campers have already started making their way to the drop off spot, campers will be led to shelter safely at the Spa Beach Bistro.

Cancellation refund policy:

If you need to cancel a scheduled program registration, we request 14 business days notice prior to the scheduled event date in order to receive a full refund. Cancellations made less than 14 business days prior to the scheduled event date will be assessed on a case by case basis for refunds. If a refund is issued, a \$25 processing fee will be subtracted from the refund amount. In the event of an unavoidable emergency or medical concern, 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.



Drop Off / Pick Up Information

Drop Off / Pick Up:

Camp drop off time is 9:00 am.

Camp pick up time is 4:00 pm.

For convenience, campers can be dropped off and picked up at the marked location on the map below. This will enable parents to avoid paying for parking on the St. Pete Pier.

Our staff will be stationed at this location from 9:00 - 9:20 am for drop off, and between 4:00 - 4:20 pm for pick up. Please aim to be on time, and contact staff if you are running late.





Packing List

Please bring all REQUIRED items EVERY DAY, and please LABEL all belongings. While we do our best to keep campers' belongings organized, we are not responsible for lost items.

Required

- Swimsuit and clothes that can get wet/ dirty
- T-shirt to wear during water activities
- Lunch
- Sunscreen (lotion, not spray, and ocean-friendly is recommended)
- Water bottle
- Water shoes or old tennis shoes that completely cover feet (cinch-down or tie-down are best)
- Dry Shoes (shoes are required at all times)
- Towel
- Change of clothes

Suggested

- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunshirt/
rashguard
- Snacks

Discouraged

- Cellphones
- Cameras
- Stuffed animals
- Other items of value



Let's get excited about camp!

Here are a few talking points to share with your camper:

- Be kind to one another.
- Drink water before and throughout the day.
- Apply and reapply sunscreen for outdoor activities.
- Snorkel vests will be worn while in the water.
- Stay with your buddy and the group at all times.
- Listen to rules and instructions provided by counselors to ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer!



Other Important Information

Meals

Campers must pack a lunch each day. It is recommended that all campers pack light snacks that are easy to eat “on the go” for mid-morning and afternoon. We will provide some small snack foods as well. If your camper has dietary restrictions, be sure to list these during registration so we can discuss any accommodations that may need to be made. Each Friday ends with a lunchtime pizza party provided by Tampa Bay Watch. If your child has any dietary restrictions, please ensure that they still pack a lunch for Friday.

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 send items home with the child at the end of the camp day. We greatly appreciate your help to keep our campers safe and healthy.

Contacts

For questions regarding our summer camp, please contact our education team at:

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