

Summer Learning Adventure Camps 2012

**Please enroll your child according to the grade he/she will enter in Fall 2012.*

** To register, please visit aquarium.ucsd.edu or call 858-534-7336.*

Information for Parents

How to Register

Sessions fill quickly, so be sure to register early. Birch Aquarium members can take advantage of priority registration starting on Monday, March 5. Public registration begins on March 12 and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Enroll your child according to the grade he/she will enter in Fall 2012. Our programs are designed for the age group specified and age grouping will be strictly upheld. **Birth certificate verification may be required for any child entering Pre-K camps.**

Registering online will be the quickest and most secure way to process your payment. You can also register by phone or in person. We accept payments by credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover Card), cash, or check. **We cannot hold your child's space in a program until we have received full payment.**

Once your registration is processed, a confirmation packet will be emailed to you **instantly**. If you do not receive this email please contact us as soon as possible. This email will contain important information directing you to a password safe website where you will be able to download all of your camp details (map, waivers, camp description, supplies needs, etc.). **It is important that you visit this web page to obtain the items needed for the first day of camp.**

For more information on programs and registration, please call the Education Department from 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Saturday.

Phone: 858-534-7336 **Fax:** 858-534-5610

Email: birchaquariumprograms@ucsd.edu

Membership

Enjoy priority registration privileges and save on Summer Learning Adventure Camps by becoming a Birch Aquarium member.

Membership also includes free admission to Birch Aquarium at Scripps for one year, guest passes, discounts to the aquarium café, the Birch Aquarium Gift Shop, and more! Call 858-534-5771 or go [online](#) to become a member today. *Please note: This is the final year that all aquarium members receive priority registration. Beginning in 2013, this benefit will be available to Aquarium Associates or higher membership levels. For more information, visit our [Membership page](#).*

Financial Aid

Thanks to the generosity of various donors, a limited amount of financial aid is available for campers who demonstrate financial need. For more information and an application, visit our website at aquarium.ucsd.edu and click on *Summer Learning Adventure Camps*, or call the Education Department at 858-534-7336.

Cancellation Policy

Camps are refundable until seven days prior to the start of that camp, less a \$25 service charge. There will be no refunds within one week of the camp. This policy allows us to maintain quality programs at the current cost.

Should a class have insufficient enrollment, it will be cancelled five days prior to the scheduled start date. In this event, a full refund will be made, or an opportunity to enroll in another camp—space permitting—will be provided.

Parking

Three-hour complimentary parking is available for aquarium visitors. We ask that you park in the lot and escort your child to the camp check-in table by the Education Office. Please do not park in the traffic circle when dropping off or picking up your child due to the high volume of summertime visitors and clearance for emergency vehicles. Camp participants will also have access to 15-minute pick-up/drop-off parking spaces in the lot.

Student-to-Staff Ratio

In our classroom and field programs, the student-to-staff ratio is at least 5:1 for ages 4–5 and 7:1 for ages 6 and up. Programs that take place in the ocean have a 5:1 ratio for all ages.

Summer Camp Descriptions

Pre-K and Kindergarten

Minimum Age: 4

0001 Sea Squirts

Location: Birch Aquarium

Sessions A, D, E, G, and H are limited to 10 participants per session.

Sessions B, C, and F are limited to 20 participants per session.

Enjoy five half-days of fun learning about the amazing habitats found across the sea and the interesting animals that reside there! Observe and touch live animals from teeming tide pools, enchanted kelp forests, colorful coral reefs, soft sandy beaches and the blue open ocean. Each session features stories, crafts, hands-on experiences and aquarium visits.

FEE: Members \$185; Public \$210

Session B: Members \$148; Public \$168

Sessions meet 9 a.m.-noon; Monday-Friday *

*Session B does not meet on July 4 (4 days only)

Session A: June 25-29

Session B: July 2-6 (4 days)

Session C: July 9-13

Session D: July 16-20

Session E: July 23-27

Session F: July 30-Aug. 3

Session G: Aug. 6-10

Session H: Aug. 13-17

0002 Sea Slugs

Location: Birch Aquarium

Sessions A, B, and D are limited to 10 participants per session.

Sessions C, E, and F are limited to 20 participants per session.

Dive into a week of fun! Explore the ocean and the magnificent wonders found beneath the waves without leaving the aquarium. Learn about jiggling jellies, scuttling crabs, slip-sliding snails, toothy sharks, and massive mammals! This engaging camp features hands-on activities, games, role-playing, and live animals.

FEE: Members \$185; Public \$210

Session A: Members \$148; Public \$168

Sessions meet 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday*
*Session A does not meet on July 4 (4 days only)

Session A: July 2-6 (4 days)
Session B: July 9-13
Session C: July 23-27
Session D: July 30-Aug. 3
Session E: Aug. 6-10
Session F: Aug. 20-24

Entering Grades 1–2

0003 Only One Ocean

Location: Birch Aquarium
Limited to 20 participants per session.

Learn about unique ocean habitats as you embark on a high-seas adventure around the world. “Travel” to a new location each day and discover the rare and amazing animals that live there. From the Arctic to the deep sea, you’ll bring home crafty mementos that will highlight your unforgettable voyage to amazing habitats around the world.

FEE: Members \$185; Public \$210
All sessions meet 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday

Session A: June 25-29
Session B: July 16-20
Session C: Aug. 13-17

0004 Ocean Playground

Location: Birch Aquarium
Limited to 20 participants per session.

What would it be like to grow up in the ocean? Discover how sharks, otters, turtles, penguins, and sea stars grow and survive in their watery homes. Make and take home fun educational projects incorporating these exciting discoveries. Each session features stories, interactive games, aquarium visits, and live animal interactions.

FEE: Members \$185; Public \$210
Session A: Members \$148, Public \$168
All sessions meet 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday *
*Session A does not meet on July 4 (4 days only)

Session A: July 2-6 (4 days)
Session B: July 30-Aug. 3
Session C: Aug. 20-24

Entering Grades 2–3

0005 Seaside Explorers Camp

Locations: Birch Aquarium, Mission Beach, Scripps Beach
Limited to 15 participants per session.

Explore the seashore and aquarium through exciting activities ranging from mussel-clump dissections and fish printing to animal investigations. Daily hands-on science projects will reveal amazing ocean discoveries. Parents are invited to an ocean showcase on the last day of camp. Campers must provide their own lunches and transportation to and from each day's location. Please note: This camp does not include aquatic sports.

FEE: Members \$330; Public \$365
All sessions meet 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Session A: June 25-29
Session B: July 16-20
Session C: Aug. 6-10

0006 Ocean Explorers Camp

Locations: Birch Aquarium, La Jolla Cove, Scripps Beach
Limited to 15 participants per session.

Learn about San Diego's local ocean habitats and discover the amazing adaptations of the animals that live there. During visits to the aquarium and local beaches, hands-on projects will help to develop understanding of our ocean. Explore your creative side as you see how artists around the world present their respect for the ocean. Parents are invited to an ocean showcase on the last day of camp. Campers must provide their own lunches and transportation to and from each day's location. Please note: This camp does not include aquatic sports.

FEE: Members \$330; Public \$365
All sessions meet 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

Session A: July 9-13
Session B: July 23-27
Session C: Aug. 13-17

Entering Grades 4–6

0007 Snorkel Camp

*Locations: Mission Beach, La Jolla Cove, Scripps Beach
Limited to 15 participants per session.*

Have you ever seen an octopus, touched a brittle star, or taken a swim with a fish? Explore local marine habitats and enjoy live animal encounters as you take the plunge this summer with our experienced staff to learn the fun and easy sport of snorkeling. Visit the calm waters of Mission Bay, La Jolla Cove, and the sandy bottom of La Jolla Shores. Participants must provide their own snorkel gear and transportation to and from each day's location. Intermediate swimming ability is required.

FEE: Members \$220; Public \$245

Session A: Members \$176, Public \$196

All sessions meet 9:30 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday*

*Session A does not meet on July 4 (4 days only)

Session A: July 2-6 (4 days)

Session B: July 16-20

Session C: July 30-Aug. 3

Session D: Aug. 13-17

0008 Shark Encounters

*Locations: Birch Aquarium, Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla Shores
Limited to 15 participants per session.*

Become a shark expert as you spend the week investigating and encountering a variety of sharks. Learn about shark biology, behavior, and conservation through observation and hands-on activities. Snorkel with local sharks and meet Scripps Institution of Oceanography shark researchers.

FEE: Members \$230; Public \$255

All sessions meets 1-4 p.m., Monday-Friday

Session A: July 9-13

Session B: July 23-27

Session C: Aug. 20-24

0009 Marine Biologist for a Week

*Locations: Birch Aquarium, Scripps Institution of Oceanography
Limited to 20 participants per session.*

What would it be like to be a marine biologist? Join us for a week and find out! Experience this profession through hands-on activities, dissections, beach sampling, and a trip to the Scripps pier. Learn the techniques and tools scientists use to explore the biological ocean realm. From tiny plankton to fascinating sharks this camp will surely excite any young ocean enthusiast. Please note: This camp does not include aquatic sports.

FEE: Members \$210; Public \$235.
All sessions meet 1-4 p.m., Monday-Friday

Session A: June 25-29
Session B: July 16-20
Session C: August 6-10

0010 Ocean Adventures Camp

*Locations: Mission Beach, Scripps Beach, La Jolla Shores
Limited to 15 participants per session.*

Learn to surf, snorkel, and practice hands-on oceanography in this popular camp. Experienced instructors will teach basic surfing, boogie-boarding, and snorkeling skills, while introducing campers to related marine science topics such as waves, rip currents, and near-shore marine life. Campers must provide their own lunches, snorkel equipment, and transportation to and from each day's location. Intermediate swimming ability is required.

FEE: Members \$355; Public \$395
All sessions meet 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday

Session A: July 9-13
Session B: July 23-27
Session C: Aug. 6-10

Entering Grades 7–9

0011 So, You Want To Be An Oceanographer?

*Locations: Birch Aquarium, Scripps Institution of Oceanography
Limited to 20 participants per session.*

Dreaming of a career in oceanography? Our five-day program provides a fun and educational glimpse into Scripps Institution of Oceanography by visiting scientists in their labs. See what it's really like to be an oceanographer through hands-on experiments and field explorations. Please note: This camp does not include aquatic sports.

FEE: Members \$220; Public \$245

All sessions meet 1-4 p.m., Monday-Friday

Session A: July 30-Aug. 3

Session B: Aug. 13-17

0012 Surfing Into Science

Locations: Scripps Beach, La Jolla Shores

Limited to 15 participants per session.

Surf's up! Dive into the perfect blend of ocean sports, beach exploration, and marine science activities. Hone your surfing and oceanographic skills as you learn how beach shape and the ocean bottom play important roles in the waves we ride. Go snorkeling and kayaking to observe animals that share the waves with us. Campers must provide their own lunches, snorkel equipment, and transportation to and from each day's location. Intermediate swimming ability is required.

FEE: Members \$355; Public \$395

Session A: Members \$284; Public \$316

All sessions meet 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday*

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