Summer Learning Adventure Camps 2015

> *Please enroll your child according to the grade he/she will enter in Fall 2015.*  
> *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. Our [Aquarium Associates](#) members can take advantage of priority registration starting on Monday, March 2. Public registration begins on March 9 and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

Enroll your child according to the grade he/she will enter in Fall 2015. 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 Visitor Services from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday–Sunday.

**Phone:** 858-534-7336  **Fax:** 858-534-6692  
**Email:** [birchaquariumprograms@ucsd.edu](mailto:birchaquariumprograms@ucsd.edu)
Membership

Save on Summer Learning Adventure Camps by becoming a Birch Aquarium member. Join at our Aquarium Associates level or higher to receive priority camp registration.

Membership includes unlimited 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.

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 Visitor Services 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

Entering Pre-K or Kindergarten
Minimum Age: 4

Sea Squirts
Location: Birch Aquarium
Limited to 10 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
Sessions meet 9 a.m.-noon; Monday-Friday

Session A: June 22-26
Session B: July 6-10
Session C: July 20-24
Session D: Aug. 3-7
Session E: Aug. 17-21

Sea Slugs
Location: Birch Aquarium
Limited to 10 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 $111; Public $126
Sessions meet 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday*
*Session A does not meet on July 2 or 3 (3 days only)

Session A: June 29-July 1 (3 days)
Session B: July 13-17
Session C: July 27-31
Session D: Aug. 10-14
Entering Grades 1–2

**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 22-26  
Session B: July 13-17  
Session C: Aug. 3-7  
Session D: Aug. 17-21

**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 $111, Public $126  
All sessions meet 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday *  
*Session A does not meet on July 2 or 3 (3 days only)*

Session A: June 29-July 1 (3 days)  
Session B: July 6-10  
Session C: July 27-31  
Session D: Aug. 10-14
Entering Grades 2–3

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 22-26
Session B: July 6-10
Session C: July 20-24
Session D: July 27-31
Session E: Aug. 10-14

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 13-17
Session B: Aug. 4-7
Session C: Aug. 17-21
Entering Grades 4–6

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 $230; Public $255
Session A: Members $138, Public $153
All sessions meet 9 a.m.-noon, Monday-Friday*
*Session A does not meet on July 2 or 3 (3 days only)

Session A: June 29-July 1 (3 days)
Session B: July 13-17
Session C: July 27-31
Session D: Aug. 10-14

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
Sessions A, C, and D meet 1-4 p.m., Monday-Friday
Session B meets 9 a.m. – noon, Monday-Friday

Session A: July 6-10
Session B: July 20-24
Session C: Aug. 3-7
Session D: Aug. 17-21

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 $230; Public $255.
All sessions meet 1-4 p.m., Monday-Friday

Session A: June 22-26
Session B: July 20-24
Session C: August 10-14

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: June 22-26
Session B: July 6-10
Session C: Aug. 3-7

Entering Grades 7–9

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 $230; Public $255
All sessions meet 1-4 p.m., Monday-Friday

Session A: July 13-17
Session B: July 27-31

**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 $213; Public $237
All sessions meet 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday*
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