Dear Parent/Guardian,

We are very excited that your child will be joining Summer Learning Adventure (SLA) Camps this year. Below you will find important information to help prepare you and your child. We look forward to an exciting and fun-filled summer.

Camp Philosophy:
Our camps and camp environments are designed to support inclusive and collaborative learning, promote exploration and discovery and empower campers to reach their full potential.

Prior To Camp:

- Fill out Health Form and Waiver. This form must be received by Birch Aquarium on or before the first day of camp. Children without completed forms will not be allowed to participate in camp. Email or fax to 858-534-6692.
- Fax or mail a copy of child’s birth certificate prior to the first day of camp, for Pre-K camps only (ages 4-5, Sea Squirts and Sea Slugs).
- Arrange drop-off and pick-up transportation for your child each day.
- Review important policies addressed in this letter and in the summer camp brochure.
- Make note of the Camp Coordinator phone number #858-967-2126. Please call this number for emergencies, sick days, or if you are running late.

Camp “Great Day” Guidelines:
Please review with your child prior to the start of each day of camp:

- Smile and have fun– It’s Summer!
- Participate in all camp activities
- Make new friends
- Be a good listener
- Learn and share
- Respect fellow campers and counselors
- Follow camp rules (these rules will be addressed on the first day of camp)

During Camp

Camp Sign-in and Sign-out:
When dropping off and picking up your child, please walk them to the camp check-in area and sign them in and out. If you have made arrangements for another adult to pick-up or drop-off your child please let the camp counselor know. We will need you to fill out a short form authorizing someone else to pick-up/drop-off your child. Anyone picking up a child needs to have a photo ID.

Camp counselors will be available only 15 minutes prior to the start of camp to check-in your child. There are no early drop-offs. Please see Tardiness Policy below for late pick-ups.
Tardiness Policy:
Please be timely when picking up your child from camp. If you are more than 15 minutes late we will charge $1 per additional minute you are late picking up your child. If you know that you will be late please call the Camp Coordinator at # 858-967-2126.

Parking Policy:
Summer Learning Adventures Camps participants will have access to a limited number of reserved pick-up/drop-off parking spaces. When entering the parking lot, these reserved spaces can be found on the upper level of the parking lot. Please be respectful of our 15-minute time limit in these reserved spots.

If you choose to stay at the aquarium while your child is in camp, please park in a non-reserved parking space. All non-reserved parking spaces have a three-hour time limit.

Dress Code Policy:
Please dress your child appropriately to allow them to participate in all camp activities, which may include getting dirty, creating art projects, and being active. For off-site camps please provide a change of clothing, a towel, a sweatshirt, and modest swimwear.

Please DO NOT dress your child in the following:
- Short shorts
- Short skirts or dresses (unless wearing bloomers underneath)
- Platform flip-flops

What To Bring:
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Snack/Lunch
  - 1/2 day camp – please provide your child with one snack and a beverage/water
  - Full day camp – please provide your child with two snacks, a sack lunch, and plenty of water.
- Gear/Equipment necessary for camp (towel, beach shoes, snorkel, etc.). Check camp requirements for details.

What Not to Bring:
- Money to purchase a snack/lunch or other items.
- Animals or pets.
- Personal gear or equipment not required by camp. Personal surfboards, boogie boards, skim boards, and kayaks are not permitted, they are provided by camp.

Never allowed at camp:
- Alcohol, drugs and weapons of any kind.

Health Care Policy:
The health care philosophy of the Birch Aquarium at Scripps SLA camps is to support the whole child– mind and body– during their camp experience. This means providing a positive, safe and healthy environment in which to learn and play in. All campers must be up-to-date on their vaccinations. If you’re child is not vaccinated for personal beliefs, an additional form that
can be found on our website, must be filled out. If you are unable to complete the Personal Exemptions and Belief form, you’re child will be unable to attend camp.

In addition to the “Great Day Guidelines”, to ensure the safety and health of our campers, we ask parents/guardians to please adhere to the following illness policy. If you or your child is experiencing any of the following symptoms please call the Camp Coordinator at # 858-967-2126. This policy will be strictly enforced.

Symptoms:
- Fever of 100 degrees (38.8 C)
- Sore Throat and/or cold symptoms
- Coughing
- Congestion
- Discharge from the nose of any color (non-allergy related)
- Earache
- Vomiting
- Unexplained rash or itching
- Pinkeye
- Diarrhea or nausea
- Staph or strep infections
- Lice, or other contagious parasite

Campers needing treatment or medication during the hours of camp are required to have a parent/guardian or other authorized adult administer treatment/medication.

Camp staff is not permitted to store/carry medication or administer any treatment/medication other than general first aid, CPR and/or AED. Life saving medication (EpiPen and/or inhaler) is permitted and must stay under the control of the camper at all times. Camper must be able to self-administer these medications. Camp staff can provide assistance if necessary.

Prior notification, via camp medical form and conversation with camp staff, of any special treatment/medication will ensure camper’s health needs are supported and accommodated by camp staff and schedules.

Notification Policy:
Camp staff will notify you of any incidents including minor and major illness/injuries, behavioral concerns and/or camp related concerns that occur during camp hours. In the case of a serious injury or behavioral concern, and you are unreachable, we will contact your designated alternative contact. In addition to the notification phone call, camp staff will be available for further discussion or review of incident(s) at the time of camper pick-up.

Thank you for choosing Birch Aquarium Summer Learning Adventure Camps. We look forward to an exciting week.

Sincerely,

*Birch Aquarium Camp Staff*