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# Summer Camps Return to Birch Aquarium

**Registration is now open for 2022 Summer Camps.**

**La Jolla, CA (March 9, 2022)**—This summer Birch Aquarium is once again offering in-person camps for children ages 5-13. As the public outreach center for Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego, Birch Aquarium offers a unique opportunity for campers to explore underwater worlds and meet ocean creatures in fun and safe week-long camps.

Registration is now open for full and half-day camps with experiences available both at the aquarium and at the beach. Campers play games, create fun crafts, engage in science activities, surf, snorkel, and of course, get up close to marine animals!

“We are incredibly excited to not only offer in-person camps again, but also to expand our program for summer 2022 while maintaining a safe and fun learning environment”, said Director of Education, Megan Malaska Medley. “From the beach to the aquarium, our amazing educators lead a stellar camp experience, provide up-close access to animals and create an engaging camp program for all participants. In addition, we are thrilled to introduce our Little Blue Penguins to campers this summer!”

Weekly Camps run from June 21-August 26 and range in price from \$225 to \$595. Discounts are available for Birch Aquarium members and Scholarships are also available. For more information, or to register, [visit the website](#), or call 858-534-7336.

## **Camps offered this year include:**

### **Sea Slugs (half day, age 5)**

During this half-day camp, campers 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 through hands-on activities, games, crafts, and live animal touches! Meets at the aquarium every day.

### **Sea Squirts (half day, age 5)**

Enjoy five half-days of fun learning about amazing underwater habitats and the interesting animals that live there! We'll explore teeming tide pools, enchanted kelp forests, colorful coral reefs, soft sandy beaches and blue open ocean through hands-on activities, games, crafts, and live animal touches, all without leaving the aquarium. Meets at the aquarium every day.

### **Only One Ocean (full day, ages 6-7)**

Learn about unique ocean habitats as you embark on a global high-seas adventure! "Travel" to a new location each day and discover the amazing animals that live there. From the Arctic to the deep sea, you'll bring home crafty momentos highlighting your unforgettable voyage to amazing marine environments. Meets at the aquarium every day.

### **Underwater Playground (full day, ages 6-7)**

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 projects highlighting these exciting discoveries. Each day features stories, games, aquarium visits, and animal interactions. Meets at the aquarium every day.

### **Seaside Science (full day, ages 8-10)**

How would you like to become a scientist? Learn about amazing discoveries in marine biology, chemistry, meteorology, geology, and zoology. Discover the natural world and those we share it with through fun experiments, outdoor explorations, games, and animal interactions. Meets at the aquarium three days and offsite at the beach in La Jolla two days.

### **Coastal Inspirations (full day, ages 8-10)**

How does the ocean inspire you? We'll get up close with animals that make the ocean their home, uncover the diversity of San Diego's coastal habitats, and explore our creativity through various crafty projects. Let your scientific discoveries inspire your art! Meets at the aquarium every day.

### **Ocean Adventures (full day, ages 11-13)**

Learn about the magnificent Pacific Ocean while enjoying its blue waters! Experienced

instructors will teach basic surfing, boogie-boarding, and snorkeling skills, while introducing campers to related marine science topics such as waves, water temperature, beach landscape, and near-shore marine life. Intermediate swimming ability and comfort in beach and ocean settings required. Meets offsite every day at the beach in La Jolla.

### **Surfing Into Science (full day, ages 11-13)**

Surf's up! Dive into the perfect blend of ocean sports, beach exploration, and marine science discoveries. Hone your surfing, snorkeling, and oceanographic skills as you learn how beach features play important roles in the waves we ride and observe animals that share the water with us. Intermediate swimming ability and comfort in beach and ocean settings required. Meets offsite every day at the beach in La Jolla.

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### **About Birch Aquarium at Scripps**

Birch Aquarium at Scripps is the public exploration center for Scripps Institution of Oceanography at UC San Diego. Perched on a bluff overlooking the Pacific Ocean, Birch Aquarium features the groundbreaking work of Scripps Oceanography and UC San Diego scientists as well as conservation breeding programs, and interactive exhibits. Birch Aquarium's mission is to connect understanding to protecting our ocean planet, which the aquarium achieves by engaging, hands-on learning opportunities for nearly 500,000 guests as well as more than 50,000 pre-K-12 students each year. Birch Aquarium also offers a variety of [virtual events and activities](#). Visit [aquarium.ucsd.edu](http://aquarium.ucsd.edu) for more information.

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