



# EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM OFFERINGS

FALL 2024 - SUMMER 2025



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OPERATION**  
**10am – 5pm daily\***

\*Call to confirm times

## DIVE INTO DISCOVERY WITH CMA'S MARINE ACADEMY

The Marine Academy at Clearwater Marine Aquarium is dedicated to inspiring learners of all ages to appreciate the world's aquatic biodiversity while promoting conservation action and empowering future generations to make a difference. Learners engage in an immersive and interactive marine science-focused curriculum developed by Clearwater Marine Aquarium educators, biologists, researchers, and animal care providers. As a participant in this unique learning experience, students have an opportunity to discover topics in marine science and conservation, with a unique perspective from a working marine animal hospital and the industry experts who work there.

The Marine Academy offers robust programming onsite at the Aquarium in our R.O. Jacobson Education Center including summer camps, field trip classroom programs, guided tours, boat tours, career exploration programs, and team-building opportunities. Bring the Marine Academy into your facility with after-school programming, guest speakers, and in-class programs. Our educators can create custom programming specifically designed to fulfill your facility's educational goals. The Marine Academy also offers virtual tours of CMA guided by a marine biologist.



Clearwater Marine Aquarium is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

We believe in preserving our environment while inspiring the human spirit through leadership in the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of marine life; environmental education; research; and conservation.

- Clearwater Marine Aquarium is not just an aquarium; it's a fully operational marine animal hospital dedicated to the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of marine life.
- In 2020, Clearwater Marine Aquarium expanded its educational outreach by opening the Richard O. Jacobson Education Center, which features six state-of-the-art classrooms.
- In 1984, Clearwater Marine Aquarium made history by successfully rehabilitating the first dolphin to survive a stranding in Florida. Sunset Sam remained a beloved resident until 2001.
- Clearwater Marine Aquarium plays a crucial role in responding to cetacean (dolphins and whales), manatee, and sea turtle strandings in the Gulf of Mexico and the greater Florida region. Its response areas include Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, Hernando, Citrus, and Levy counties.
- Since joining the Southeast Region Stranding Network in 1979, Clearwater Marine Aquarium's Rescue Team has responded to over 600 stranded cetaceans and more than 1,600 sea turtles.
- For over 30 years, Clearwater Marine Aquarium has been actively involved in the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of more than 40 North American river otters.
- Clearwater Marine Aquarium's "Summer with Winter" Summer Camp Program was voted Nickelodeon's Best Day Camp in 2009.
- Each summer, Clearwater Marine Aquarium's Sea Turtle Conservation Team surveys approximately 21 miles of nesting beach, contributing significantly to sea turtle conservation efforts.

# GROUP VISITS & FIELD TRIPS



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## PLAN YOUR NEXT FIELD TRIP WITH US!

GROUPS MAY VISIT CLEARWATER MARINE AQUARIUM ANY TIME. Group visits are self-guided; a Marine Biologist guide is not provided. You have the option to add an educational program to enhance your group visit.

### EDUCATIONAL GROUP ADMISSION (SCHOOLS, CAMPS, HOMESCHOOL CO-OPS, SCOUT GROUPS)

\$9.95 per person (Teachers receive free admission with a valid teacher ID). Additional educational group admission rate requires a minimum of 10 people. **Special pricing may be available for Title 1 schools. Please contact us at 727.441.1790 ext. 2262.**

### EDUCATIONAL CLASSROOM PROGRAMS

Enhance your field trip experience by visiting our Marine Academy Education Center and adding an educational classroom program. Due to limited class space, only one adult per ten children is allowed in the classroom during the program. Additional chaperones, parents, and siblings of students are welcome to tour Clearwater Marine Aquarium during the program if they purchase admission. Payment to confirm your booking must be received two weeks in advance.

**AVAILABLE:** Year-round

**DURATION:** 60 minutes

**PRICE:** \$5.00 per participant + admission

**GROUP SIZE:** Minimum of 10 and a maximum of 50 (consecutive sessions can be offered back to back to accommodate groups larger than 50).

### EDUCATIONAL GUIDED TOURS

Join us for a guided tour of Clearwater Marine Aquarium to get an inside look into our working marine animal hospital. Learn about our resident animals from a marine biologist. Payment to confirm your booking must be received two weeks in advance.

**AVAILABLE:** Year-round

**DURATION:** 60 minutes

**PRICE:** \$5.00 per participant + admission

**GROUP SIZE:** Minimum of 10 and a maximum of 60 (consecutive sessions can be offered back to back to accommodate groups larger than 60).

\*Groups that are **more than 15 minutes late** will forfeit their scheduled educational program without refund. Please call 727-441-1790 x2262 to schedule a group visit with a program.

### EDUCATIONAL SELF-GUIDED ACTIVITY

While we highly recommend our guided tours, scavenger hunts, and classroom programs, we also offer a free self-guided map activity to help you explore the aquarium at your own pace. Request your map activity by emailing [educordinator@cmaquarium.org](mailto:educordinator@cmaquarium.org), or we can print it for you for just \$1.00 per activity sheet. Don't forget to bring your pencils and clipboards for a fun and educational adventure!

## RESERVATIONS

If you have specific dates and arrival/departure times for your visit, we can place a temporary hold on the requested programming, subject to availability. Temporary holds must confirm their program date and time in writing at least one month prior to the visit. If not confirmed one month prior, the educational program will be canceled, but school group admission to the aquarium will still be available.

**Reservations are not complete until payment for programming is made.** Please ensure all details are finalized and payments are made within the specified timeframes to guarantee your educational experience at Clearwater Marine Aquarium.

## PAYMENT

Payment for admission can be made by check or credit card on the day of your visit. Payment for the educational program and/or guided tours is due at the time of booking and must be completed two weeks in advance. Educational programs and/or guided tours are not guaranteed until payment is processed. Full refunds will be issued if cancellation occurs 14 or more calendar days prior to the scheduled program date. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received 13-0 days before the scheduled program date.

**GROUPS RECEIVING THE EDUCATIONAL GROUP ADMISSION RATE MUST ALL CHECK IN TOGETHER, AND THE ORDER MUST BE FULLY PAID IN ONE TRANSACTION. IF THE PAYMENT IS NOT MADE IN ONE TRANSACTION, STANDARD ADMISSION RATES WILL APPLY.**

We're excited to help plan your trip to Clearwater Marine Aquarium! This guide is designed to provide your group's teachers, leaders, and/or chaperones with all the information needed for an exceptional and seamless experience. If you have any questions about your group's field trip or daily schedule, please don't hesitate to reach out to the group leader organizing your visit. We can't wait to welcome you to our aquarium and share an unforgettable day with you!

## TICKETS

To receive the educational group admission rate, all children and adults must reserve tickets in advance, and the entire group must be present for entry into the building. **Groups eligible for the educational group rate must pay for all tickets in a single transaction. If payment is not made in one transaction, standard admission rates will apply.**

## LUNCHES

Public picnic tables are available outside on the ground floor between the original facility and the Visitor's Center for enjoying your lunches. No outside food or drink is allowed in the café on the 3rd level. Water filling stations for reusable water bottles are located throughout Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Lunch storage, box lunches, and meal vouchers may be available upon request. The group leader must contact the Education team prior to your trip to arrange for these items, if needed.

## EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

If your group is scheduled for a program, please ensure you arrive at the designated meeting location listed on the schedule at least 15 minutes before the program begins to meet with your Biologist. Program start times cannot be adjusted due to late arrival. Due to limited classroom space, only one adult per ten children is permitted in the classroom during all classroom programs. Your group leader will determine which adults can accompany the group during this time. Additional chaperones, parents, and siblings of students are welcome to explore Clearwater Marine Aquarium during the program if they purchase admission.

## GROUP BEHAVIOR

Each group leader is expected to review the Field Trip Behavior Contract with your students, teacher(s), and chaperone(s). The key rules to remember are:

1. All students must be accompanied by an adult chaperone at all times. Chaperones are responsible for student behavior during programs and throughout the aquarium visit.
2. Groups must maintain exemplary behavior, respecting other guests and all Clearwater Marine Aquarium team members through their words and actions.
3. Groups must respect the aquarium grounds, buildings, and animal habitats at all times.

Any guest engaging in behavior deemed inappropriate, unsafe, or threatening by Clearwater Marine Aquarium team members may be asked to leave the premises without a partial or full refund.

## WHERE TO GO WHEN YOU ARRIVE

Groups should proceed directly to the designated meeting location upon arrival, depending on the type of group. Your group leader will check you in and handle payment for the entire group's admission, if applicable. To ensure a smooth check-in process, we recommend arriving 15-30 minutes before your scheduled program time, as the arrival process may take up to thirty minutes. Please note that all groups will undergo a security checkpoint. Additionally, bus drivers should speak with a parking attendant upon arrival to be directed to the designated loading/unloading area.

GROUP TYPE	MEETING LOCATION
School Groups	Outside By Spiral Staircase (First Floor)
Camps & Organizations	Main Entrance (Third Floor)

## YOUR GROUP'S INFORMATION

Your group leader will assist you in completing the information below to ensure a seamless trip for your group.

Date & Time of Arrival:	
Group Leader's Name:	
Group Leader's Contact Information:	

# BUILD-YOUR-OWN VISIT



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Let us plan your group's visit! Select one of the combinations of programs below for a fun-filled and educational visit to Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Don't see a combination that fits your group's educational needs? Reach out to our Education Team at 727-441-1790 x 2262 to inquire about more options!

## INTERESTED IN ADDING ON AN EDUCATIONAL BOAT TOUR? CHECK OUT PAGE 7 FOR MORE INFORMATION!

### ADMISSION & BIOLOGIST-LED CLASSROOM PROGRAM \*

**\$14.95 per student**

Each participant will receive admission to Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Select one of our 60-minute classroom programs from page 9 to enhance your educational experience and learn about a wide variety of marine science topics from one of our marine biologists.

### ADMISSION & BIOLOGIST-LED GUIDED TOUR

**\$14.95 per participant**

Each participant will receive admission to Clearwater Marine Aquarium. A marine biologist will provide an inside look into CMA's mission of rescue, rehab, and release through a 60-minute guided tour.

### ADMISSION & MARINE BIOLOGY SCAVENGER HUNT

**\$14.95 per student**

Each participant will receive admission to Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Take part in a 60-minute scavenger hunt throughout Clearwater Marine Aquarium that focuses on animal adaptations with a wrap-up conversation about conservation with a marine biologist.

### ADMISSION, BIOLOGIST-LED GUIDED TOUR, & BIOLOGIST-LED CLASSROOM PROGRAM \*

**\$18.95 per student**

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\*Due to limited class space, only 1 adult per 10 children are permitted in the classroom during the program. Additional chaperones, parents, and siblings of students are welcome to tour Clearwater Marine Aquarium during the program if admission is purchased. Combo pricing excludes the Look Inside The Squid program.

# BIOLOGIST-LED AQUARIUM PROGRAMS



Enrich your visit with a guided tour or scavenger hunt to get an insider's look into Clearwater Marine Aquarium! Aquarium admission is an additional fee and required to participate in these programs. Please call the Education Team at 727.441.1790 ext. 2262 to book.

## BIOLOGIST-LED GUIDED TOUR

Join us for an educational guided tour led by a knowledgeable marine biologist at Clearwater Marine Aquarium! Dive deep into the work that is done at a marine animal hospital and get an insider's look into our resident animal's rescue stories. Gain a deeper understanding of the vital conservation efforts that everyone can contribute to. With our marine biologist as your guide, this immersive tour promises an unforgettable experience that will leave you inspired and awestruck by the wonders of the marine world.

**AVAILABLE:** Year-round

**DURATION:** 60 minutes

**PRICE:** \$5.00 per participant + admission

**GROUP SIZE:** Minimum of 10 and a maximum of 60 (consecutive sessions can be offered back to back to accommodate groups larger than 60).

## MARINE BIOLOGY SCAVENGER HUNT

Embark on an exhilarating scavenger hunt at Clearwater Marine Aquarium! A marine biologist will send you on a thrilling quest to discover the wonders of marine life. Work in groups to boost your team spirit as you search for answers and track down clues about amazing animal adaptations. Explore CMA and dive deeper into the captivating world of marine biology on this unforgettable adventure!

**AVAILABLE:** Year-round

**DURATION:** 60 minutes

**PRICE:** \$5.00 per participant + admission

**GROUP SIZE:** Minimum of 10 and a maximum of 60 (consecutive sessions can be offered back to back to accommodate groups larger than 60).



# BIOLOGIST-LED AQUARIUM BOAT PROGRAMS



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Enhance your group's visit with an educational eco-boat tour. Explore our local bay, learn about the estuarine ecosystem, and look for wildlife! Aquarium admission is separate and is an additional fee. Tour duration and availability may vary. Please call the Education Team at 727.441.1790 ext. 2262 to book. CMA is an Authorized Water Vessel Commercial Carrier through the Pinellas County School Board.

## ECO ED-VENTURES BOAT TOUR

Embark on an unforgettable voyage of marine discovery aboard a Clearwater Marine Aquarium boat! Our immersive marine science curriculum invites students to explore the wonders of the ocean. Explore Clearwater Bay as we look at the estuary environment and make observations about the animals that call an estuary home. Led by a marine biologist, students will learn about marine ecosystems and how to protect them, fostering a deep understanding and appreciation for the precious underwater world. **Exclusively for educational groups.**

**AVAILABLE:** Year-round

**DURATION:** 60 minutes

**PRICE:** \$300 per boat

**GROUP SIZE:** Maximum of 40 per boat (additional tours may be booked to accommodate groups larger than 40).

## CHARTERED DOLPHIN & WILDLIFE BOAT TOUR

Explore Clearwater Bay during this 60-minute eco-boat cruise. Learn about members of our local dolphin population, travel around a bird sanctuary island, and view seasonal local wildlife.

**AVAILABLE:** Year-round

**DURATION:** 60 minutes

**PRICE:** Educational Group \$300 per boat; Non-Educational Group \$550 per boat

**GROUP SIZE:** Maximum of 40 per boat (additional tours may be offered to accommodate groups larger than 40).

## CHARTERED SEA LIFE SAFARI BOAT TOUR

Join us for a 90-minute scenic eco-boat cruise around our local estuary. Be a part of citizen science, and observe data collection in action, as we perform a net pull and conduct a "show and tell" onboard of sea creatures found in the grass beds and sand flats of the bay. Get your feet wet at a local shell island and collect seashells.\* See local wildlife above and below the water! \*Island stop may be canceled due to weather or inaccessibility, and boat routes may be altered by captain at any time.

**AVAILABLE:** Year-round

**DURATION:** 90 minutes

**PRICE:** Educational Group \$375 per boat; Non-Educational Group \$700 per boat

**GROUP SIZE:** Maximum of 40 per boat (additional tours may be offered to accommodate groups larger than 40).

## PRIVATE SNORKELING TOUR

Hop aboard Clearwater Marine Aquarium's education vessels for an immersive experience. Custom adventures include a 2-hour-long snorkel experience, as well as a narrated scenic trip by one of our Biologists. During the snorkeling adventure, students/guests can get up close with many of the area's intertidal animals within the protected waters of Clearwater Bay. Sea urchins, crabs, sea stars, and snails are among the common finds. We customize this program to each age group so you are always within standing depth water. You will need to provide your own snorkeling gear, closed-toe water shoes, and towels. *Dependent on weather and water conditions.*

**AVAILABLE:** Seasonally

**DURATION:** 120 minutes

**PRICE:** \$25 per person

**GROUP SIZE:** Minimum 15 and maximum of 40 per boat (additional tours may be booked to accommodate groups larger than 40).





# KAYAKING ADVENTURE



A marine biologist will guide you through local waterways identifying wildlife and coastal ecosystems during this kayaking trip! We provide kayaks, paddles, life jackets, and expert guides. Guests will need to provide their own closed-toe water shoes and towels. Single and tandem kayaks are available.

**PRICE**

**\$45**  
/person

**DURATION**

**2**  
hours

**AVAILABLE**

**SEASONALLY**

Contingent upon weather conditions

**MORE INFORMATION:**



# BIOLOGIST-LED CLASSROOM PROGRAMS



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**AVAILABLE:** Year-round

**PRICE:**

\$5.00 per participant + admission

**DURATION:** 60 minutes

**GROUP SIZE:**

Minimum of 10 and a maximum of 50 (consecutive sessions can be offered back to back to accommodate groups larger than 50).

## PRE-KINDERGARTEN AND UP SELECTIONS

### TERRIFIC TURTLES (PRE-K-5TH GRADE)

Learn about turtle anatomy, behavior, and the differences between tortoises, terrapins, and sea turtles. Understand and explore their unique adaptations, commonalities, and differences. Find out what makes these shelled reptiles so special. Learn about our residents and visit with CMA's Russian tortoise ambassador.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** Pre-K, K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th

### MAKE WAY FOR MANATEES (PRE-K-8TH GRADE)

Investigate Florida's state marine mammal - the manatee! Learn about manatee eating habits and about their various environments. Discover the dangers they face and ways we all can help support their populations.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** Pre-K, K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th

### MARINE BIOLOGY 101 (K-12TH GRADE)

Learn marine biology 101 as you climb the phylogenetic tree and get an introduction to some of the animals that call Clearwater Marine Aquarium home. Discuss animal adaptations and strategies necessary for survival in different habitats. Examine the life cycles, environment, and feeding methodologies of various marine animals using touch to explore biofacts and live touch tank invertebrates.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th

### OPERATION WINTER'S TAIL (K-12TH GRADE)

Learn about the chemical, biological, physical, and mathematical processes behind the most famous tail in the world. Explore Winter's legacy and the Hanger Clinic's process of creating a tail for an orphaned dolphin injured in a crab trap line. Though Winter is no longer with us, discover the dangers animals face due to human activities and get inspired to keep our oceans clean, recycle, and advocate for better fishing practices.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th

### RESCUE RESPONDERS (K-12TH GRADE)

Discover how Clearwater Marine Aquarium's rescue response team works to fulfill our mission of rescue, rehabilitation, and release. Focus on anatomy and conservation as your students transform into mini-rescue biologists watching over their rescued marine mammals. In addition, learn about the role CMA plays in the rescues of many other species, including manatees, and how we can all work together to protect and preserve these species!

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th



# BIOLOGIST-LED CLASSROOM PROGRAMS

## MIDDLE SCHOOL AND UP SELECTIONS

### AQUARIST ADVENTURE (6TH GRADE-12TH GRADE)

Explore the dynamic link between chemistry and biology with Clearwater Marine Aquarium! Discover firsthand the critical role of daily water quality testing in ensuring the well-being of our resident animals. Students will engage in hands-on learning as they conduct real laboratory tests, gaining practical insights into the abiotic factors that are essential for supporting the lives of our rescued and resident marine animals.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: 6th-8th, 9th-12th**

### INVESTIGATE DOLPHIN RESEARCH (6TH GRADE-12TH GRADE)

Explore how scientists investigate the natural world through examples of dolphin research. Step into the role of a dolphin researcher as students learn about Clearwater Marine Aquarium's efforts to better understand the wild population of dolphins in our surrounding area through dorsal fin identification.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: 6th-8th, 9th-12th**

### LOOK INSIDE THE SQUID! (6TH GRADE-12TH GRADE)

Join us as we explore the internal and external anatomy of a squid as you participate in an interactive dissection. Learn about the special adaptations these creatures possess to help them survive and hunt in the dark. Discover the important role that squid play in the food chain and which animals enjoy squid as a part of their diet here at CMA! ***This program is \$8.00 per student.***

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: 6th-8th, 9th-12th**

### SEA YOUR FUTURE: CAREERS AT THE AQUARIUM (6TH GRADE-12TH GRADE)

Dive into an exciting journey with an exclusive look at aquarium careers. Learn about Clearwater Marine Aquarium's research and conservation programs, education initiatives, and animal husbandry. Discover the various paths you can take to work at a fully operational marine animal hospital and start planning your future in marine biology!

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS: 6th-8th, 9th-12th**



CMA's Outreach Programs are designed with your classroom in mind. These programs provide students with hands-on learning opportunities to enrich their educational experience. Expand upon daily classroom curriculum with a visit from one of CMA's Biologists.

**AVAILABLE:** Year-round

**GROUP SIZE:** Maximum of 50 students

**DURATION:** 45 minutes

**PRICE:** \$100 for the first program and \$50 for each additional program scheduled the same day at the same site. In addition to the program charge, a mileage fee will be applied. The location of the presentation **must be within 40 miles of Clearwater Marine Aquarium**. Consecutive sessions may be offered for additional \$50 per session.

## OUTREACH PROGRAM SELECTIONS

### DEEP DIVE INTO CMA: A WORKING MARINE ANIMAL HOSPITAL (K-ADULT)

Dive deep into our mission: preserving our environment and inspiring the human spirit through leadership in marine life rescue, rehabilitation, release, environmental education, research, and conservation. Immerse yourself in videos showcasing recent rescue efforts and witness firsthand the expansion of our aquarium. Uncover exciting career opportunities at a dynamic working marine animal hospital and set your sights on a future dedicated to oceanic stewardship and discovery!

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** K-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th, Adult

### DOLPHIN DEPUTIES (PRE-K-5TH GRADE)

Students discover the positive and negative impact humans can have on the oceans and coastal environments through the stories of our resident animal ambassadors. We will discuss ocean hazards and play "Scan your Can" - a recycling game that focuses on how sorting garbage can help save the planet. By the end of the program, each class member will be dubbed a "Dolphin Deputy."

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** Pre-K, K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th

### READY TO RESCUE (K-ADULT)

How does our rescue team care for sick and injured marine life? Learn about the specialized care we provide for animals in need of assistance. Work together as a team to walk through the steps of a rescue with one of our marine biologists.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th, Adult

### SEA TURTLE BIOLOGY & NESTING (PRE-K-ADULT)

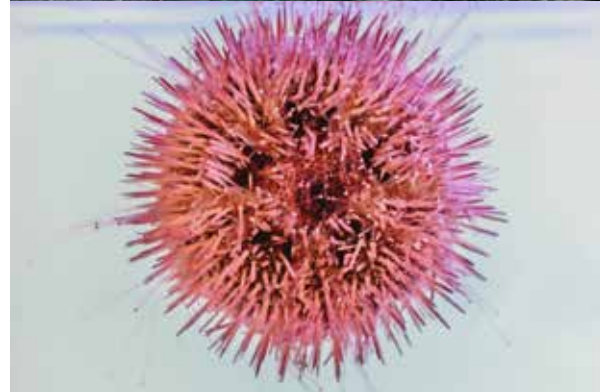
CMA works to protect sea turtle nests up and down Pinellas County's coast. Learn all about the loggerhead sea turtle life cycle. Examine the anatomy of the sea turtle, including hands-on time with real turtle shells and skulls.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** Pre-K, K-1st, 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th 12th, Adult

### NO BONES ABOUT IT (K-ADULT)

This program focuses on invertebrates. Learn all about the Gulf of Mexico's smaller inhabitants that call CMA home through this hands-on look at snails, crabs, and sea urchins. The program will focus on describing these animals using our five senses, comparing and contrasting locomotion modalities, and discussing survival adaptations. Participants can apply what they have learned by touching some of these creatures to see how these spineless animals have adapted to live on our ocean floor.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** K-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th, Adult



## OUTREACH PROGRAM SELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

### SHARK BIOLOGY & CONSERVATION (K-ADULT)

Get to know the ocean's most misunderstood carnivores by learning about their unique adaptations and role in the food chain. This program will also review major human threats to wild populations and ways that we can make shark-conscious decisions.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** K-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th, Adult

### MANATEE MOMENTS (2ND GRADE-ADULT)

Discover a deeper understanding of the Florida manatee and the threats they face. Learn how scientists identify manatees while tracking their population's distribution throughout their environment. Explore the role that the CMA Research Institute plays in the conservation of the species through their research efforts in the U.S., Cuba, and Belize.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** 2nd-3rd, 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th, Adult



### CORAL CONNECTIONS (4TH GRADE-ADULT)

Dive into the mesmerizing world of coral reefs and conservation with our educational program led by a marine biologist from Clearwater Marine Aquarium! Join us as we discuss the intricate lives of corals and learn about their vital role in marine ecosystems. Discover the challenges facing these fragile ecosystems and explore the innovative conservation efforts underway to protect them.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** 4th-5th, 6th-8th, 9th-12th, Adult

### GUARDIANS OF THE SEA: HUMAN IMPACT ON MARINE WILDLIFE (9TH GRADE-ADULT)

Human activities can often be detrimental to wild animal health and survival. As a working marine animal hospital, Clearwater Marine Aquarium often aids in the rescue, rehab, and potential release of wildlife that has faced negative impacts of human actions. The program will use real-life stories of CMA hospital patients to share ways in which humans can make a positive change in the protection of marine animals.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** 9th-12th, Adult

### MARINE MAMMAL BIOLOGY & CONSERVATION (9TH GRADE-ADULT)

Learn all about Florida's favorite marine mammals – the bottlenose dolphin and the Florida manatee. In this program, a biologist will explore the basic biology and physiology of these animals as well as the ways humans can help conserve wild populations.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** 9th-12th, Adult



### REAL-TIME VIRTUAL FIELD TRIP

Join an a biologist for a virtual field trip including a Q and A session, aquarium tour, and view session with a resident animal. Groups can choose to virtually view a sea turtle or dolphin experience. Have all of your questions answered live and virtually tour around Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Participating groups may submit questions prior to the virtual field trip for our staff to answer during the session.

**AVAILABLE:** Year-round      **AGE:** Pre-K-Adult

**DURATION:** 45 minutes      **PRICE:** \$150





Dreaming of going on an ocean expedition or working at a marine animal hospital? CMA's recurring program series are designed to offer a multi-week educational experience that explore these possibilities and more. These programs are a great fit for after-school learning opportunities or summer camps looking to enrich their curriculum. Led by a CMA biologist, students will have the opportunity to take part in hands-on learning experiences and learn about a wide variety of topics in marine science. **Our education staff holds contractor badges for the Pinellas County school system. If your school requires additional screenings, please note that your institution will be responsible for covering the costs for at least two of our staff members to undergo the screening process.**

**AVAILABLE:** Year-round

**DURATION:** 45 minutes

**GROUP SIZE:** Minimum of 10 and maximum of 15 per weekly session

**PRICE:** \$15 per student PLUS mileage within 40 miles of Clearwater Marine Aquarium per week

## SERIES PROGRAM SELECTIONS

### OCEAN EXPLORATION (K-5TH GRADE)

Ever wonder what it would be like to lead an expedition and discover a new species? Discover the many ocean habitats found around the world, and learn about the animals that inhabit them with Clearwater Marine Aquarium's after-school program. Each week students will travel deeper and deeper into the ocean as they go on their very own ocean expedition. Design an exploration vehicle then create a creature that is adapted to the new environment. Get up close and personal with CMA touch tank invertebrates and biofacts as students learn about sea urchins, dolphins, sea turtles, and more during their exploration.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** K-2nd, 3rd-5th

### TIDES OF TALENT (K-5TH GRADE)

Animals have their own special talents called adaptations that help them to be well-suited to their environment. Explore marine animal adaptations with Clearwater Marine Aquarium's program series. Each week, a new animal's talent will be showcased through educational crafts and activities. Discover dancing seahorses and singing blue whales. Learn about CMA's resident animals and how they were able to make movie magic.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** K-2nd, 3rd-5th

### A DAY IN THE LIFE OF... (6TH-12TH GRADE)

What is it like to work at a marine animal hospital? This after-school program will showcase the many different career paths within Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Students will explore a wide variety of beneficial skills and discover the next steps they should take if they want to pursue to careers in a working animal hospital. Learn about Clearwater Marine Aquarium's research and conservation programs, education, animal husbandry, and many more departments that help promote the mission of preserving our environment while inspiring the human spirit.

**AVAILABLE AGE GROUPS:** 6th-8th, 9th-12th



Bring engaging, educational fun to your next event with our dynamic tabling programs! Marine biologists will guide your participants through hands-on activities, real biofacts and educational games. Perfect for family days, fairs, STEM nights, festivals, and more!

**AVAILABLE:** Year-round      **BOOKING:** Call 727-441-1790 x2262 for more information

**DURATION:** Flexible

## OUTREACH TABLING PROGRAM SELECTIONS

### ALL ABOUT SHARKS

Discover the “jaw-some” world of Florida’s sharks! Dive into the lives of these incredible creatures with hands-on activities, fascinating facts, and myth-busting fun. Gain a deeper appreciation for these majestic predators that inhabit our coastal waters.

### INVERTEBRATE INVESTIGATORS

Explore the fascinating world of invertebrates and vertebrates with live animals and biofacts. Learn about bivalves and gastropods, and help hermit crabs and urchins find the shells they need through an interactive maze.

### MAGNIFICENT MANATEES

Discover Florida’s beloved “sea cows,” the gentle giants of the sea. Learn about the threats they face, including pollution and habitat loss, and explore conservation efforts to protect them. Fall in love with manatees and discover how you can help save them.

### MAGNIFYING MICROPLASTICS

Curious about microplastics? Learn where they come from and why they’re a hot topic. Through visuals and a sorting game, discover what these tiny plastics are and how you can make a difference in reducing their impact on our oceans.

### NICKS AND NOTCHES

Discover how CMA studies wild dolphins in Clearwater Bay! Test your skills with a fun matching game and learn how biologists identify and track dolphins. Get hands-on with dolphin ID photos and see if you can accurately identify these amazing animals.

### PLANET PROTECTORS

Unlock the power to make a positive impact on our planet! Discover practical tips, innovative solutions, and inspiring rescue stories that will empower you to adopt sustainable practices. Together, we can create a greener, healthier future for our oceans.

### SEA TURTLE SAFETY GUARDS

Learn what it’s like to be part of Clearwater Marine Aquarium’s Sea Turtle Patrol. Learn about the journey sea turtles take during nesting season and the challenges they face. Find out how you can help ensure a thriving future for these incredible creatures.

### SHELL AND TELL

Discover the amazing world of shells! Learn about the invertebrates that create them, including gastropods and bivalves. Participate in a fun matching game to identify local shells and uncover fascinating facts about these natural treasures.



# TRASH-TO-TOYS



Join Clearwater Marine Aquarium for our annual Trash-to-Toys competition! Using recyclable items from your classroom, classes can compete to create a green toy to enrich our resident dolphins in honor of Earth Day.

## APPROPRIATE MATERIAL EXAMPLES

- Paper products
- Water bottles
- Caps
- Soda cans
- Egg cartons
- Plastics #1-7
- Cardboard
- Other recyclable materials

## INAPPROPRIATE MATERIAL EXAMPLES

- Pool toys
- Inflatable toys
- Pool noodles
- Stuffed animals
- Hula hoops
- Beads
- Other pre-made toys

## CONTEST RULES

1. This competition is open to all public and private schools in Pinellas and Hillsborough counties.
2. Only one toy per class may be submitted for the competition. If you wish to submit more than one toy per class, clearly indicate which toy is for the competition and which ones are for display only.
3. The drop-off date for your toy must be between April 1, 2025, and April 11, 2025, before 5 pm. Prior to dropping off your toy, you must email [camps@cmaquarium.org](mailto:camps@cmaquarium.org) to arrange a drop-off time with the Education Department.
4. All toys must adhere to the following guidelines:
  - a. Toys must be at least 1 foot in length.
  - b. All parts must be securely fitted together
  - c. If you are painting your toy, you can only use non-toxic paints (mostly acrylics).
  - d. Toys must have no sharp or protruding edges and not contain any items that are on the "inappropriate materials list".
  - e. All toys should contain mainly RECYCLABLE materials (excluding duct tape). Duct tape should be primarily used to attached items together.
5. Entries that do not meet the qualifications and/or contain any inappropriate materials will be disqualified.

**ENTER HERE:**





# NIGHT <sup>★</sup> AT <sup>★</sup> THE <sup>★</sup> AQUARIUM <sup>★</sup>

KATE TIEDEMANN & ELLEN COTTON  
MAIN POOL AND WINDOW OF WONDER



**DATES:**

October 11, 2024  
December 30, 2024  
March 21, 2025

**AGES:** 5-10 years old

**PRICING:** \$20 per child

**TIME:** 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Register online at [cmaquarium.org](http://cmaquarium.org)!

Join us for a night of fun and learning, where the aquarium comes to life with captivating stories and hands-on activities designed to ignite curiosity and inspire a love for the ocean. This special event invites kids ages 5-10 to explore the wonders of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium like never before!



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# MARINE SCIENCE FAMILY MINI-CAMPS



## SPRING INTO FUN WITH CMA!

Get ready for a family adventure this spring break!

**TIDAL TALES SNORKEL ADVENTURE:** Discover Clearwater Bay's marine life through a snorkel adventure! Learn survival strategies of tidal animals and enjoy family activities.

**DATE:** March 18, 2025

**AGES:** 5-17 years old with a participating adult

**PRICE:** \$50 per person (includes admission to Clearwater Marine Aquarium at the end of the program for participants)

**TOUR DE U.S.A. KAYAK TRIP:** Explore animal habitats throughout the U.S. Collect stickers and become an ecosystem expert through lessons and a kayaking adventure!

**DATE:** March 19, 2025

**AGES:** 7-17 years old with a participating adult

**PRICE:** \$50 per person (includes admission to Clearwater Marine Aquarium at the end of the program for participants)

**FLIPPED FRIENDS SNORKEL ADVENTURE:** Have a whale of a time snorkeling in Clearwater Bay, learning about our research programs, and enjoy hands-on activities!

**DATE:** March 20, 2025

**AGES:** 5-17 years old with a participating adult

**PRICE:** \$50 per person (includes admission to Clearwater Marine Aquarium at the end of the program for participants)

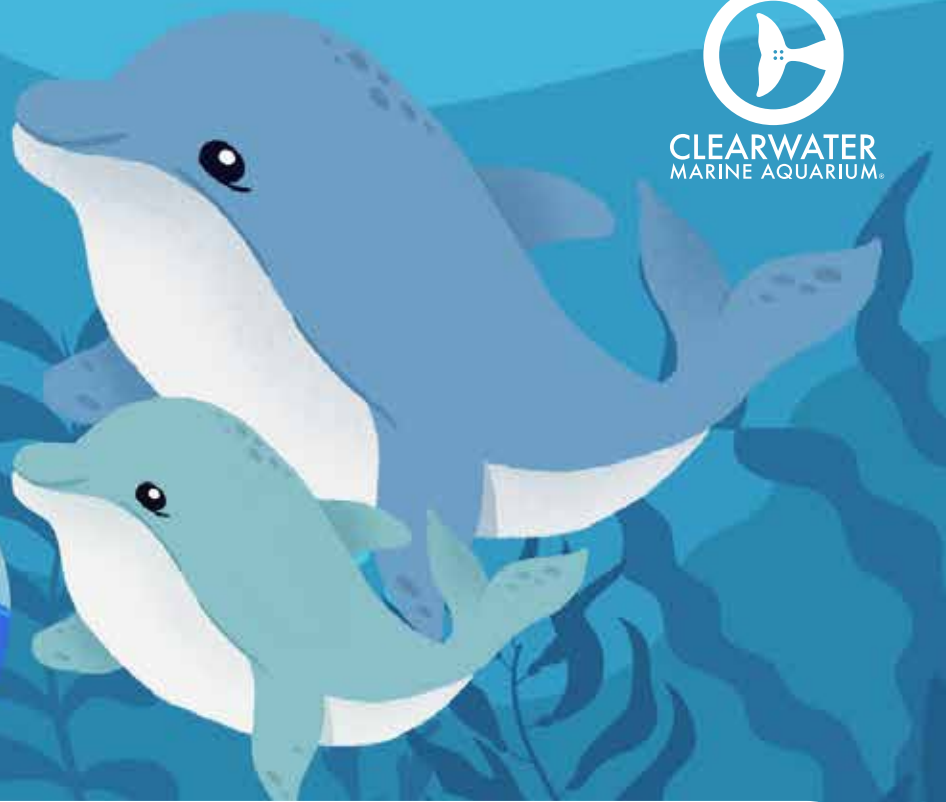
**REGISTER AT [CMAQUARIUM.ORG](http://CMAQUARIUM.ORG)**



# PRE-K POD PALS



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Join us for Pre-K Pod Pals – a fun and educational morning program at Clearwater Marine Aquarium for parents and kids aged 3 to 5 years old! Activities will include classroom activities that explore the Florida pre-kindergarten standards, interactive games, and fun facts about the animal of the month.

Admission is not included nor required to participate.

**AGES:** 3-5 years old with an adult

**PRICE:** \$10 per child; \$5 per adult

**DATES:** The first Tuesday of each month from September through May.

**TIME:** 10:30 am to 11:15 am

**Register online at [cmaquarium.org](http://cmaquarium.org)!**



# JUNIOR CAREER QUEST

Are you a budding marine scientist? This experience provides an inside look at aquarium careers for students that are 3rd through 5th grade. Participate in hands-on activities that showcase the rescue, rehabilitation, and release work that CMA does. Learn about different paths that you can take to achieve your marine science career goals.



## **DATES:**

November 23, 2024

January 18, 2025

March 22, 2025

**AGES:** 3rd-5th Grade

**PRICING:** \$20 per student

**TIME:** 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

**Register online at [cmaquarium.org](http://cmaquarium.org)!**



# CAREER EXPLORATION



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## Join us for our Career Exploration Program!

This experience provides an inside look at aquarium careers. Meet aquarium personnel, participate in activities, and explore behind the scenes. Learn about Clearwater Marine Aquarium's research and conservation programs, education, and animal husbandry.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL (6TH-8TH GRADE) DATES:

October 12, 2024  
December 21, 2024  
February 15, 2025  
April 26, 2025

### HIGH SCHOOL (9TH-12TH GRADE) DATES:

November 23, 2024  
January 18, 2025  
March 22, 2025  
May 17, 2025

**PRICING:** \$50 per student

**TIME:** 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Register online at [cmaquarium.org](http://cmaquarium.org)!**

# DIVE INTO MARINE SCIENCE CAMP!

Dive into a world of coastal exploration and adventure at Clearwater Marine Aquarium's 2025 Marine Science Summer Camps! Join us for an unforgettable week of snorkeling in seagrass beds, kayaking through estuaries, and seeing our rescued dolphin, river otter, and sea turtle friends. Your camper's summer journey awaits at Clearwater Marine Aquarium!

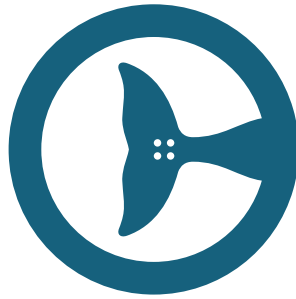
## CAMP INFORMATION

- **One-Week Camps:** Get ready for a week of marine science fun with our half-day camps, running Monday through Friday.
- **Summer Season:** Join us starting June 2, 2025, for an exciting exploration of marine life.
- **Ages:** Camps are available for students who completed kindergarten through high school in the 2024-2025 school year.
- **Educational Adventure:** Discover, learn, snorkel, kayak, and create summer memories with our engaging marine programs.

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