Junior Marine Biologist

Summer Camp

Welcome Packet
Hello Junior Marine Biologist Campers and families!

Welcome to the 2024 Loggerhead Marinelife Center Junior Marine Biologist Camp Program! We look forward to spending our summer in the sunshine with you! Please read this Camp Welcome Packet thoroughly to be ready to go on your first day of camp! Do not hesitate to contact us with any follow-up questions at GuestServices@marinelife.org.

Camp Drop-off
Sign-in starts at 9:00 am at the north entrance of our building. Please pull into the bus lane on the north side of LMC and sign in your camper with staff at the camp sign-in table. When entering Loggerhead Park, make a slight left at the three way stop and the bus lane will be immediately on your right along the north side of our building. You will see LMC staff at a table near the north entrance. If you prefer to park, continue straight to the beach parking lot. For safety reasons, YOU MUST SIGN YOUR CAMPER/S IN & OUT EACH DAY. Parents must sign in/out campers, even if the camper is old enough to drive themselves.

Camp Pick-up
All campers must be picked up by 4:00 PM, unless you have registered for extended care (drop-off as early as 8:30 AM, pick up no later than 5:00 PM). A 15-minute grace period will be given, but an extended hour fee will apply for the day upon late pick-up. Extended hours end at 5:00PM, at which time all staff will leave. For the safety of your child/ren, campers will only be allowed to leave with those persons you have authorized on your registration form. Photo ID will be required at sign-out.

Lunch, Snacks & Water
Camper lunch is available for purchase through our Tortuga Café! The 2024 Summer Camp Menu and ordering information will be sent one week prior to your first day of camp. Mid-afternoon snacks are not included so please pack appropriately.

If not pre-ordering lunch, campers are responsible for their own lunches and snacks. There is no refrigeration available, please pack accordingly. Campers are reminded to drink plenty of water during the day, so they do not become dehydrated! PLEASE REMEMBER TO PACK A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE. Water fountains and coolers will be visited frequently on campus and in the field for refills.

What to Expect
Loggerhead Marinelife Center’s Junior Marine Biologist Camp Program is an interactive, educational, stimulating outdoor experience. A typical day of camp is split between outdoor and indoor activities. There are days that will be spent on campus going to the beach and days traveling off site on a field trip to the places listed below. A schedule of activities will be handed out on the first day of camp. All outdoor and off-site activities are weather dependent.
Field Trips
During our camps we take two field trips to other facilities and parks to enhance the learning experiences for our campers. Field trip locations vary depending on the week but may include the **Juno Beach Pier, Grassy Waters Preserve, Blowing Rocks Preserve, Manatee Lagoon, Jonathan Dickinson State Park, River Center, Solid Waste Authority of Palm Beach County, or MacArthur Beach State Park.** Please note that all field trip destinations are subject to change due to weather or unforeseen circumstances.

To Wear/Bring
The following is a list of things campers should wear and/or bring in a backpack each day:

- **JMB Camp Shirt** – One will be given on the first day of camp and should be worn every morning
- **Swimsuit** - On beach days, campers should come dressed for water with bathing suit already on.
- **Rash guard, sun shirt, dry fit t-shirt for water activities** - Campers are **required** to cover their back, shoulders, and arms while out on the beach and during water activities.
- **Backpack, towel, change of dry clothes, and a bag to use for wet items**
- **Comfortable shorts/pants that are lightweight and dry quickly**
- **Footwear:**
  - **On Campus** - Closed toe closed heal shoes (sneakers) will be worn always
  - Acceptable footwear for water/beach activities
    - Fully enclosed water shoes to avoid sting rays, sea urchins, & oyster shells
    - Sandals that fully strap to the foot (with a back strap)
    - Crocs with the back strap around the ankle
    - Old sneakers
  - Footwear **NOT PREMITTED** in camp: Flip-flops, sandals without a back strap, slides, slippers, etc.
- **Reusable Water Bottle** – must be filled with water prior to arrival
- **Sun protection including sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat**
  - PLEASE NOTE – Sunscreen must be applied prior to camp arrival, before the beach, and on field trips. There will be multiple breaks to reapply throughout the day.
  - **Your camper is responsible for applying the sunscreen.**
  - We suggest using **Stream2Sea** marine life-safe, biodegradable sunscreen for your campers and for the environment. Stream2Sea sunscreen can be purchased all in our Gift Store upon pick-up.
- **Any required medication (see medical forms & release)**
- **Lunch, drinks, snacks**
- **Optional** – Mask and snorkel to use at the beach and on specific field trips.

*Please remember your child will get dirty! Remember that this is summer camp, and your child should not come with any personal items, equipment, or clothing that you don’t want to get dirty, broken, or lost.
What NOT to Bring:

- Electronic devices: cell phones, video games, gaming consoles, etc. are strongly recommended that your child NOT to summer camp.
  - If your child does bring any of these devices, they are not permitted to be turned on, out of their backpacks, or in use during camp hours.
  - If any of these items are used inappropriately during camp they will be confiscated by the counselors and returned to the parents/guardians at the end of the day.
  - If parents need to reach their child or if campers need to reach their parents, they can contact Loggerhead Marinelife Center or the Camp Manager.

- Money – Campers will not be permitted to make individual purchases during camp hours at the café or gift store. The gift store is open everyday until 5pm. Parents are welcome to visit with their camper AFTER they have been signed out for the day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Guest Services at:
(561) 627-8280, ext. 119, jmbcamp@marinelife.org.

We are looking forward to a fun and exciting time with your camper!