



Mote Marine Laboratory Camp Program Policies

Listed here are Mote's Camp Program Policies. Please note that Mote Marine Laboratory reserves the right to edit and change any of the policies below without notification.

Cancellation Policy

There are no refunds for Mote Education camp programs unless Mote cancels the program. If you provide notice of cancellation via email more than two weeks before the program begins, we will refund 50% of your registration fee. If you cancel within two weeks of the program or fail to show up without giving notice, you will be charged in full for the program. Mote reserves the right to cancel or modify any program or schedule. Modification of a program schedule by Mote does not constitute grounds for a refund. If camp registrations do not reach the minimum number required to run, you will be notified the week before. You will have the option of a refund or to transfer to another Mote camp.

Waitlist Policy

If your preferred week of camp is full and you would like to be added to the waitlist, please email camps@mote.org. Include: your name, camper's name, phone number, name of the camp program and the date(s) you'd prefer. Should any openings come about, we will contact those on the waitlist on a first-come, first-served basis.

Behavior Policy

First Strike - Campers will be asked to stop the behavior immediately and a parent/guardian will be notified at the end of the day. If the incident involves more than one camper, campers may be asked to speak together with staff present or be separated from each other for the remainder of camp.

Second Strike - Camper will have a sit down discussion with the Camp Principal and review options on how to better the behavior. Parents/guardians will be notified at that time and made aware of the situation. Camper may be asked to sit with the Camp Principal until the end of camp or until the parent/guardian can come pick up the camper.

Third Strike - Camper will be removed from camp, and from the remainder of their camp week. Parent/guardian must come pick them up immediately. This does not warrant a refund. Should the camper be registered for future camps, parents/guardians have the option to withdraw their camper for a refund less a \$50 processing fee per camp session.

Keys Camp Programs follow this policy along with additional policies and agreement behaviors detailed in their camp packets.



Weather Policy

Mote Camp staff continuously monitor weather and other water-related conditions that may impact the well-being of our participants, staff and volunteers. Families will be notified via email if camps are cancelled due to inclement weather (i.e. a hurricane). Refunds are only given if Mote cancels a camp and will be prorated if the camp is not cancelled for the entire week. In the event of other environmental factors (such as red tide), camps will not be cancelled but activities may be altered. Mote Camp reserves the right to change camp activities for the health and safety of participants. This does not constitute grounds for a refund.

About Florida red tide: This type of harmful algal bloom is caused by the naturally occurring, microscopic, plant-like organism *Karenia brevis*. Florida red tides produce toxins that can irritate the skin, eyes and throat of people on shore and in the water. The toxins can also affect the breathing of some people. People with severe asthma or chronic lung conditions should avoid areas with active red tides. Red tide-focused health information and resources are [here](#).

Check In/Out Policy

Your child must be signed in and out every day when dropping off and picking up by a parent or guardian. We use a password system during this process to ensure the safety of our campers. For morning camps please arrive no earlier than 7:45 a.m. and no later than 8:00 a.m. for check-in and check-out will run from 12:00 - 12:15 p.m. For our afternoon camps (during summer camps only) check-in will run from 12:45 pm- 1:00pm and check-out will run 5:00 pm - 5:15pm. An additional charge of \$15 for every 30 minutes, or a fraction thereof, will be assessed for late pick-up. Please refer to the attached map for parking and check-in/out location.