

Florida Keys Program Descriptions

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Behind the Scenes Tour of Mote's Elizabeth Moore International Center for Coral Reef Research & Restoration

Duration: 1 hour

Single Activity price: \$100/tour

Join Mote staff for a private tour of Mote's Elizabeth Moore International Center for Coral Reef Research and Restoration. Come behind the scenes and into the labs of Mote's coral reef restoration and research scientists. Get an up close look at our land-based nursery and Caribbean coral species. This tour explores areas both inside and outside the facility; please wear comfortable shoes and clothing for hot and humid weather.

Kayaking EcoTour

Duration: 2 hours

Single Activity price: \$25/student

Up for an adventure? Gear up and get ready for a 90-minute journey exploring the waterways of Summerland Key with one of our professional education team members.

Coral Restoration: Land-Based Nursery

Duration: 2 hours

Single Activity price: \$20/student

Students get an in-depth look at what it takes to grow coral on land before they are outplanted on our coral reefs. We will explore topics like algae mitigation, husbandry, and microfragmentation and reskinning techniques. Students will have opportunities to get hands-on in our nursery.



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Ocean Acidification Classroom Lab

Duration: 2 hours

Single Activity price: \$20/student

Students will learn about the effects of climate change on our oceans and the stress on our coral reefs. They will investigate how ocean acidification and temperature can affect the health of marine organisms, and how scientists use this information to make informed decisions about coral reef restoration.

Coral Health and Disease Classroom Lab

Duration: 2 hours

Single Activity price: \$20/student

Students will learn about the current state of health on Florida's coral reef tract. Students will be introduced to concepts of disease, coral bleaching, and changing ocean conditions. Students will participate in a hands activity investigating how disease affects corals & research methods used by Mote scientists to study and prevent the spread of disease on the reef.

Coral Identification Lab

Duration: 2 hours

Single Activity price: \$20/student

Students will learn identifying features of Caribbean coral species. Students will become familiar with the main species in our coral nurseries and will have an opportunity to practice their new identification skills with live coral in Mote's land-based coral nursery.



Dive/Snorkel Program Descriptions

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Price includes classroom lesson at Mote and all charter costs, including snorkeling (mask, fins, snorkel) or SCUBA equipment (BCD, regulator, tank, weights). There is a \$100 additional dive fee for any students/chaperones SCUBA diving. All divers must be at least certified to Open-Water. Transportation to the dive shop/field site is not provided.

Coral Identification & Reef Surveys

Duration: 8 hours

Single Activity price: \$75/student

Students will learn identifying features of Caribbean coral species. Students will become familiar with the main species in our coral nurseries and how to identify them in the nursery and on the reef. Students will have an opportunity to practice their new identification skills with live coral in Mote's land-based coral nursery and in the field at Looe Key National Marine Sanctuary.

Coral Health & Disease Reef Surveys

Duration: 8 hours

Single Activity price: \$75/student

Students will learn about the current state of health on Florida's coral reef tract. Students will investigate concepts of disease, coral bleaching, and changing ocean conditions. Furthermore, they will be trained to identify disease and stress on common corals found in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. In the afternoon we will dive or snorkel at a nearby coral reef and conduct disease monitoring surveys. These surveys are given back to Mote scientists as data for our ongoing disease monitoring projects.



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All divers must be Open-Water SCUBA certified. Waivers must be signed (by a parent/guardian if student is under 18) and returned to Mote coordinator prior to arrival or student will not be able to participate. All snorkeling/diving programs begin at Mote at 9 am. Check-in at the dive shop at 12:30 before your scheduled charter. Transportation is not provided. All charter costs, and snorkeling (mask, fins, snorkel) or SCUBA equipment (BCD, regulator, tank, weights) are included in the price.

Coral Restoration: In the Field (SCUBA ONLY)

Duration: 8 hours

\$190/diver (per person; includes gear rental)

Students have an opportunity to get hands-on with coral restoration in the field! After a morning classroom lesson at Mote, students go on a private boat charter to Mote's coral nursery. Students will learn about Mote's cutting-edge coral restoration techniques and participate in coral nursery restoration activities. SCUBA diving is required. A minimum of 8 participants is required to reserve this program.

Fort Zachary-Taylor Snorkel Tour

Duration: 2 hours

Single Activity price: \$35/student (includes park entrance fee)

Just a short snorkel from the beach is Mote's only coral outplant site accessible from the shore! Enjoy the beautiful scenery at Fort Zachary-Taylor state park, and after our snorkel your group is welcome to stay around for lunch at the picnic tables, enjoy the beach, and explore the historic fort. **Due to COVID-19 restrictions, snorkeling gear cannot be provided at this time. Students must bring their own gear and have strong swimming skills.**

