

# MOTECAMP

## Summer 2021

Here is our exciting lineup for our camps at Mote Aquarium in Sarasota, Florida.

All theme descriptions are listed on the second and third pages. Find your camper's age and the week you wish to attend and see what the theme is for the week. If you don't have a specific week in mind, read about the themes and choose your camper's favorite.

	Tidal Tykes	Aqua Kids	Sea Sleuths	FL Keys Day Camp
	K-2nd grade  Monday - Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm	3rd-5th grade  Monday - Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm	6th-8th grade  Monday - Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm	5th-8th grade  9th-12th grade  Monday - Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm
<b>June 7 - 11</b>	One Big Home	Water Warriors	Marine Missions	
<b>June 14 - 18</b>	Diverse Universe	Duos of the Deep	Ocean Opps	
<b>June 21 - 25</b>	One Big Home	Water Warriors	Marine Missions	
<b>June 28 - July 2</b>	Diverse Universe	Duos of the Deep	Ocean Opps	
<b>July 5 - 9</b> <i>KEYS CAMP ONLY</i>	<i>No Onsite Camps</i>			Marine Biologist in Training (Grades 9-12)
<b>July 12 - 16</b>	One Big Home	Water Warriors	Marine Missions	Marine Biologist in Training (Grades 5-8)
<b>July 19 - 23</b>	Diverse Universe	Duos of the Deep	Ocean Opps	Marine Biologist in Training (Grades 9-12)
<b>July 26 - 30</b>	One Big Home	Water Warriors	Marine Missions	
<b>Aug 2 - 6</b>	Diverse Universe	Duos of the Deep	Ocean Opps	Marine Biologist in Training (Grades 5-8)
<b>Aug 9 - 13</b>	One Big Home	Water Warriors	Marine Missions	



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## **Camp Themes & Descriptions**

### **Tidal Tykes (Entering K-2nd Grade)**

#### **One Big Home**

Who are your neighbors? This week we will be examining all the homes beneath the waves. We will travel from shallow tide pools to coral reefs to the deepest depths of the ocean learning about the animals that use these places as their homes. Campers will participate in age appropriate, hands-on classroom and water activities and exploration while learning all about these unique ecosystems. We will discover what animals are neighbors and how they all work together living in their one big blue home.

#### **Diverse Universe**

Did you know there are over 30,000 different species of fish?! Just fish!! What about reptiles, mammals or invertebrates?! This week we will be exploring just how diverse our waters really are. Campers will be focusing on the diversity of the marine world through age appropriate, hands-on classroom and water activities. We will explore everything from the largest sharks to tiniest plankton and everything in between. Just how diverse do you think our universe really is?

### **Aqua Kids (Entering 3rd-5th Grade)**

#### **Water Warriors**

The ocean needs you! Campers will come together with like-minded peers and experience a week of ocean conservation. Through exploration, observation and STEM activities, campers will learn about the threats our oceans face and what they can do to help. Campers will learn about youth programs and be exposed to real citizen science projects. Not all heroes wear a cape!

#### **Duos of the Deep**

From friends to foes, our “Duos of the Deep” themed-week will focus on animal relationships. Through water and aquarium exploration and observations, campers will examine different types of animal relationships and how they impact each other. We will look at how corals and zooxanthellae have a mutual relationship while groupers encounter a parasitic relationship with fish lice. Campers will engage in STEM activities to better understand these relationships and how to identify them. We will look at them all: the good, the bad, and the ugly.



## Sea Sleuths (Entering 6th-8th Grade)

### Marine Missions

\*Cue Mission Impossible Music\* Scientists here at Mote are always discovering new ecosystems, animals and threats in our oceans. Through daily STEM-based operations and exploration, campers will learn about the newest ocean discoveries. Campers will participate in water activities like snorkeling and kayaking, aquarium exploration and practice their technology skills during this week's Marine Missions camp.

### Ocean Opps

So you think you want to become a marine scientist? Join us this week as we explore some exciting careers in marine science and learn about the opportunities that await you in the science field. Meet Mote scientists, aquarium biologists and animal trainers! Do hands-on field research and snorkel and kayak in Sarasota Bay, meet and greet resident education animals, and participate in training sessions as we step into the shoes of a marine scientist.

### Additional Details for Camps for grades K-8

**Days:** Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

- No Camp the week of July 5th
- Prices will be available at time of registration
- *Swimming Skills Required*

## Florida Keys Day Camp (Entering Grades 5th-8th & 9th-12th)

Dive into science and explore marine life in Mote Marine Laboratory's first ever DAY camp in the Florida Keys! Campers will be based at Mote's new state of the art research lab in Summerland Key and will get to participate in the real science happening there. This program will include snorkel and dive excursions at Looe Key, hands-on lab experiences and a kayak excursion. Come spend a week with us and learn how to help make the ocean a better place!

*SCUBA option available during high school weeks for certified divers. Campers must have dive cards during the week of camp. SCUBA option is an additional \$100 for all dive equipment.*

*Transportation from Sarasota is no longer available. All campers must meet at our Summerland Key facility. **This camp is no longer an overnight camp.***

### Additional Details for Keys Camps

**Days:** Monday - Friday 8:30am - 12:30pm

- On Wednesdays Drop off & Pick up is located at Captain Hooks Marina on Big Pine Key
- *Swimming Skills Required*

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**FOR ALL CAMPS:** Registration will open for all camps in mid-March. We will have additional details regarding health and safety policies in accordance with CDC, local, state, and federal health guidelines at that time. These policies will be detailed in our registration system as well as posted on our website, [mote.org/summercamp](http://mote.org/summercamp). Prices and other specifics will be available when registration opens.