



Mote Marine Laboratory Mote Camp Program Policies

Registration Policy:

For all onsite Mote Camps, campers must be pre-registered by 5 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to their selected camp week. Due to the extensive preparation we undergo to be ready for each camper, we are unable to accept on-site registration. All required camp paperwork and confirmation materials will be included in the Confirmation Email once registered. Please REVIEW and COMPLETE ALL MATERIALS, including the Emergency Medical Treatment Authorization and Video Release Form (which needs to be signed by the camper's legal guardian). One form per camper per camp program is required.

Cancellation Policy

There are no refunds on Mote Camp Programs. If you must withdraw your camper(s) and you do so more than two weeks in advance, you will receive a credit that may be used for a future Mote education program (Camp, Homeschool Day, Public Programs and any virtual program). Any changes or cancellations must be made in writing to camps@mote.org. Changes or cancellations made within two weeks of the program and no-shows will be charged in full. Mote reserves the right to 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, you will be notified the week before.*

All Mote Summer Camp 2021 Program related credits are good through May 2022.

COVID Policy

Our priority is to protect the health of Mote staff, volunteers, interns, and visitors against COVID-19 by drawing upon protocols from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Florida Department of Health (DOH) and hospitals, along with an infusion of Mote science and common sense. In keeping with best practices, we will be running at a limited capacity, following strict sanitizing protocols, using health screenings, practicing safe distancing and wearing masks during our camp programs. Your reminder email one week prior to camp will contain the latest update on our current policies and practices to keep your family healthy. Please email camps@mote.org with any questions.

Waitlist Policy

You may add your camper to a waitlist for any Mote Camp week via the camp registration link. Should any openings come about, we will contact those on the waitlist on a first-come, first-served basis.



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Camp Scholarships:

Scholarships are currently not available. We will update our current open camp season webpage if scholarships become available.

Check In/Out Policy

Your child must be signed in and out every day by a parent or guardian when dropping off and picking up for camp. We use a password system during this process to ensure the safety of our campers and will also conduct a brief verbal health screening. Campers can be checked in from 8:15 - 8:30 and picked up between 12:30 - 12:45 pm. An additional charge of \$15 for every 30 minutes, or a fraction thereof, will be assessed for late pick-up.

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](#).

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.

Please note that Mote Marine Laboratory reserves the right to edit and change any of the above policies without notification.

