

# MOTE CAMP

Mote Camps combine our groundbreaking research with fun, hands-on, and age-appropriate activities. Campers can discover the wonders of marine animals and environments studied by Mote scientists – a great way to gain steam in STEM education even when school is out.

**Mote Camp Tuition Members: \$255**

**Mote Camp Tuition Non-Members: \$285**

Not a member yet? Visit [mote.org/membership](http://mote.org/membership) to become a member and receive a discount on all Mote Camps.

## Morning Sessions 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

	Tidal Tykes		Aqua Kids		Sea Sleuths		Sea Sleuths Keys
	Ages 5 - 7 AND entering grades K - 2		Ages 8 - 10 AND entering grades 3 - 5		Ages 11 - 13 AND entering grades 6 - 8		
	Dining Down Below	Senses of the Sea	Amazing Adaptations & Mysterious Mutations	Home, Home on the Reef	Life Cycles of the Fish & Finless	Oh, The Things You'll 'Sea'	Marine Biologists in Training (Day Camp in the Keys)
6/6 - 6/10							
6/13 - 6/17							
6/20 - 6/24							
6/27 - 7/1							
Week of 7/4	No sessions during this week						
7/11 - 7/15							
7/18 - 7/22							
7/25 - 7/29							
8/1 - 8/5							
8/8 - 8/12							

Swimming skills required for all morning camps. See note below camp descriptions for details.

## Afternoon Sessions 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

	Aqua Kids		Sea Sleuths	
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Look for the blue Mote Camp badge to see what camp is running for your camper's age group each week!

We welcome campers from all over the world including children who attend private school and homeschool, therefore our available dates do not reflect only local school district calendars. Please check your camper's school schedule before registering for camp.

[mote.org/summercamp](http://mote.org/summercamp)

<b>Tidal Tykes</b> Ages 5 - 7 AND entering grades K - 2 <b>MORNING SESSIONS ONLY - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Dining Down Below</b>	Munch, Chomp, and Slurp! This week, campers will learn all about animal diets. Through exploration of Mote Aquarium and a variety of activities, campers will learn how and what animals in the ocean eat and where each one falls in our ocean food web. This camp is something you can sink your teeth into!
<b>Senses of the Sea</b>	How do fish smell? Or touch? Come spend the week at Mote and explore the senses of the sea. Campers will use their own senses to discover how different ocean animals use theirs to hunt, find a mate, and survive! While visiting Mote Aquarium and participating in age appropriate, hands-on activities, campers will become fully immersed in this <i>senseational</i> camp!

<b>Aqua Kids</b> Ages 8 - 10 AND entering grades 3 - 5 <b>MORNING SESSIONS - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Amazing Adaptations &amp; Mysterious Mutations</b>	Creative camouflage, funny faces, bizarre behaviors and much more! This week's theme will examine the amazing and mysterious world beneath the sea. Exploration of Mote Aquarium and Sarasota Bay will allow campers to discover adaptations and mutations of ocean animals. Through hands-on activities campers will learn how these animals use their adaptations to survive and thrive in the ocean. Warning: some things may be more mysterious than others!
<b>Home, Home on the Reef</b>	Are you from Florida? If you're not, that's okay, some of our wildlife isn't from Florida either! This week's theme will introduce campers to the idea of native versus invasive species. Campers will explore Mote Aquarium and Sarasota Bay to discover which animals call this place home. Hands-on activities also allow campers to differentiate between the native and invasive species we will be learning about, and the impacts these species have on their homes.
<b>AFTERNOON SESSIONS - 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Adventures in Aquaculture (Thursday field trip to MAP, see note in below)</b>	What if we could see into the future? What if we could change the world? Campers will become researchers for the week, exploring Mote's studies on sustainable aquaculture, coral gene banking, red tide mitigation, and more. Throughout the camp they will investigate by conducting labs and designing their own experiments. For the very first time, campers will take a field trip to Mote's very own Aquaculture Research Park (MAP), where they will get hands-on experience with real scientific tools while learning about the future of our ocean and the animals that live in it! *SEE NOTE*
<b>Mote Sea Scouts</b>	An exploration has been launched and Mote needs your help to take on its missions, are you up for the challenge? Campers will be exploring a new ocean mission every day where they will master themes like oceanography, conservation, and more! They will be immersed in hands-on activities, experiments and research each day to gain knowledge. Once their mission is complete a badge will be gifted in their honor. Do you think you are up for a Mote Mission?

<b>Sea Sleuths</b> Ages 11 - 13 AND entering grades 6 - 8 <b>MORNING SESSIONS - 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.</b>	
<b>Life Cycles of the Fish &amp; Finless</b>	From larvae to adults, animal life cycles are elaborate and fascinating. Campers will become sleuths this week to discover the complex stages of different ocean animals' lives. During hands-on activities and water excursions, campers will discover the importance of each phase of the cycle and how animals have adapted to survive. Life cycles of the fish and finless aren't always a happy tune!
<b>Oh, The Things You'll 'Sea'</b>	Calling all young scientists! During this week's theme, campers will become scientists for the week to discover the biodiversity of Sarasota Bay. They will learn what animals call it home, how they survive living together and how human impacts affect biodiversity. Through water excursions, exploration and activities, campers will be comparing the biodiversity of different parts of the ocean. What do you think you will 'sea' this week?
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<b>Marine Biologists in Training (Day Camp in the Keys)</b>	Dive into science and explore marine life during our 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 excursions at Looe Key, hands-on lab experiences and a kayak excursion. Please note this is the ONLY camp we are running at our Florida Keys location this summer.

#### Interested in a full-day camp experience for your 8 to 13 year old?

Aqua Kids and Sea Sleuth campers may register for both morning and afternoon sessions in the same week and attend camp for the full day. Campers will stay onsite during the moderated lunch time between sessions at no additional charge. Campers who are registered for two sessions in a week must bring their own nut-free lunch to camp each day.

#### What swimming skills are required for morning camp sessions?

For Tidal Tykes and Aqua Kids, campers should feel comfortable in the water, have beginner swimming skills or above, and be able to follow instructions to learn how to snorkel and obey lifeguard and Mote Camp Educators' directions while in the water; for Sea Sleuths, campers should have basic swimming skills or above and feel comfortable being in the water for activities like snorkeling and kayaking (instruction will be given for both activities), as well as able to follow directions given by lifeguards and Mote Camp Educators.

#### Important Note for Adventures in Aquaculture Camp

Field trip to Mote's Aquaculture Park (MAP) will be on Thursday and will REQUIRE campers be dropped off and picked up at our Mote Aquaculture Park facility. Directions will be included in the camp packet in your registration confirmation email.

#### Regarding Scholarships

At this time, Mote is not offering any scholarships for our summer camp program. If you are interested in attending camp but would require a scholarship, please email [camps@mote.org](mailto:camps@mote.org) stating your interest and should scholarship opportunities come about, we will contact you.

#### Discounts on Mote Camp

We offer a 10% discount on camp tuition for Mote Members. There are no other discounts offered. Reciprocal memberships do not qualify for a discount on Mote Camp tuition.

#### Check-in/out Policy & Late Pickup Fee

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. An additional charge of \$15 for every 30 minutes, or a fraction thereof, will be assessed for late pick-up. This fee will be added to your online account and you will be instructed to login and pay for any fees accumulated during your camp week. Mote does not offer childcare before or after the posted camp hours.

#### Late Registration, Transfer, and Late Payment Fees

Registration for Mote Camp closes on Tuesday at 11:59 p.m. the week prior to a camp start date or when a camp reaches capacity. In the event we still have capacity past the close date and time, we may occasionally permit registrations to take place. There is a \$25 late registration fee for this process and it will be added to your tuition. Requests for transfers into a different camp are not guaranteed, but if they are able to be processed, there is a \$25 transfer fee for each camper/session transfer. Late registration and transfer requests MUST be made in writing to [camps@mote.org](mailto:camps@mote.org). Over the phone or in-person requests will not be accepted. All camps are subject to a late payment fee of \$10 per registration should payment not be made before the first day of camp.

#### Additional Information

You will receive a confirmation email that includes important details such as what to bring and wear to camp, instructions on completing the required medical release form, and additional info to help you prepare for camp. Please add [camps@mote.org](mailto:camps@mote.org) to your email address book and/or check your spam folder for the confirmation email if you do not receive it within an hour of completing registration and making payment for camp. Please review our Camp Policies linked via [mote.org/camps](http://mote.org/camps) which details our cancellation, health, and weather policies.

### Questions?

Email [camps@mote.org](mailto:camps@mote.org) or call 941-388-4441, dial '2' then extension 324.



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