



Weekly programs - Ages 6-13 - 8am to 12pm

Mote Adventure Camp

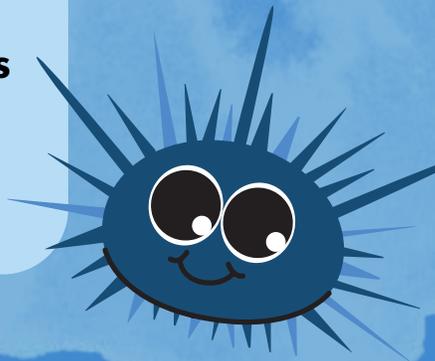
CITY ISLAND CAMPUS



JUNE 1 - JULY 31, 2026

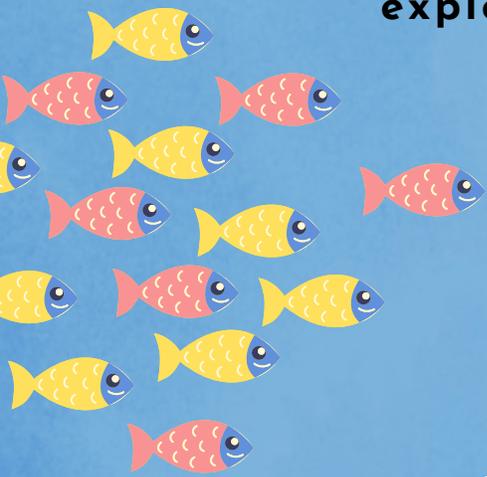
- Exploration of local ecosystems
- Hands-on labs
- Camper-led activities
- Lasting friendships and memories

Scan to enroll and for more information:



GENERAL INFORMATION

Based at Mote's City Island campus, Adventure Camp blends marine science with outdoor exploration and hands-on discovery. Campers will explore coastal habitats, investigate marine animals and environments studied by Mote scientists, and learn through active, inquiry-based adventures. With plenty of time outdoors, this camp builds curiosity, confidence, and a love of science through real-world exploration, even when school is out!



**Registration Opens
February 11th, 2026**

Splash into the local waters of the Sarasota Bay and learn who else calls it home!

**Fee: \$270 for members
\$300 for non-members**



1600 Ken Thompson Parkway
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LOCATION

Mote Adventure Camp will be held at the City Island campus located near Lido Key and St. Armands Circle.

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ADVENTURE CAMPS 8:00AM - 12:00PM

Tidal Tykes (6-7 year olds)
Aqua Kids (8-10 year olds)
Sea Sleuths (11-13 year olds)



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GENERAL INFORMATION

During our Adventure camps, campers can look forward to engaging in water-based activities from Tuesday through Friday (Monday are dry days). To make the most of the camp experience, please ensure campers have the following items with them each day:

- Nutritious nut-free snack
- Refillable water bottle
- Comfortable shoes
- Hat
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen



On our exciting water days, remember to pack these additional essentials:

- Dry clothes
- Water shoes
- Towel
- Snorkel and mask
- Sunscreen



We want to ensure that campers have a safe and enjoyable time during our water activities, so these items are essential to make the most of their camp days.



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CURRICULUM SCHEDULE

Camps			
	Tidal Tykes Ages 6-7	Aqua Kids Ages 8-10	Sea Sleuths Ages 11-13
Dates			
Week 1 June 1st	Totally Turtle	Bizarre Bottom Dwellers	---
Week 2 June 8th	---	Into the Unknown	Alien Invasion
Week 3 June 15th	Totally Turtle	Bizarre Bottom Dwellers	---
Week 4 June 22nd	---	Into the Unknown	Alien Invasion
Week 5 June 29th	Day Camps @ Mote SEA, June 30th- July 2nd		
Week 6 July 6th	Totally Turtle	Bizarre Bottom Dwellers	---
Week 7 July 13th	---	Into the Unknown	Alien Invasion
Week 8 July 20th	Totally Turtle	Bizarre Bottom Dwellers	---
Week 9 July 27th	---	Into the Unknown	Alien Invasion
Week 10 August 3rd	Day Camps @ Mote SEA, August 3rd-7th		

Camp descriptions are listed on the following pages.
Day Camp registrations will open in March.



Note: Tidal Tyke and Sea Sleuth camps will only be held at this location every other week. The 'off' weeks have camps offered at the new aquarium, Mote SEA. Please see the registration for STEM Camp for more details.

TIDAL TYKES PROGRAM

Ages 6 - 7

Totally Turtle

What's the difference between a sea turtle and a tortoise? At Adventure Camp, campers will explore the wonderful world of Mote's shelled friends—both in freshwater and saltwater habitats. Each day focuses on a different turtle found in Florida as campers snorkel local ecosystems, sample the water to discover tiny critters, and enjoy turtle-themed games and activities. Join Mote on City Island this summer and shell-abrate turtles and adventure!



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AQUA KIDS PROGRAMS

Ages 8 - 10

Bizarre Bottom Dwellers:

Do you ever wonder what strange creatures hide beneath the waves? Campers will dive into the weird and wonderful world of bottom-dwelling animals—from camouflaged critters to wiggly, spiny, and slimy surprises. Through hands-on science activities and water-based exploration in Mote and Sarasota Bay, campers will investigate how these unusual animals are adapted to life on the ocean floor.

Into the Unknown:

Come aboard as campers journey into the unknown! This week, campers will explore careers in both sea and space science and uncover the surprising connections between them. From submarines to spaceships and the deep ocean to deep space, campers will take part in out-of-this-world science activities, explore real exploration technology, and discover how scientists at Mote venture into the unknown to make new discoveries.



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SEA SLEUTHS PROGRAM

Ages 11 - 13

Alien Invasion:

Ahhh—Florida’s waters are under attack by invasive species! Through field explorations, snorkeling, and kayaking, campers will investigate the real-world threats invasive animals pose to local ecosystems. Campers will learn how these “alien” species arrive, why they’re so successful, and how scientists work to monitor and manage their impacts. Join Mote at the City Island campus and become part of the solution in this high-stakes environmental adventure!



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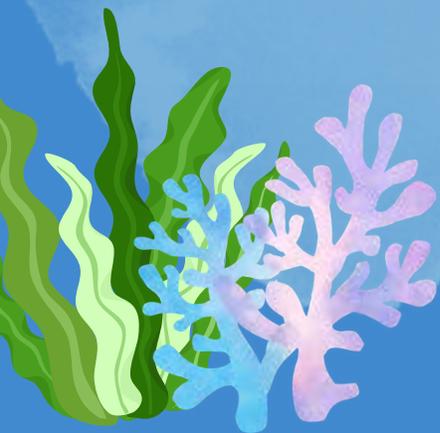
ADDITIONAL DETAILS

Safety is our #1 priority.

- **Campers will receive instruction and guidance for all water-based activities.**
- **Swimming skills are required, however, campers do not need to be advanced swimmers. They must be comfortable getting in the water and be able to doggy paddle.**
- **A certified lifeguard will be in the water with camp groups at all times.**

Questions?

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