

MOTE

SCIENCE EDUCATION
AQUARIUM

STEM Camp



Explore the ocean like a scientist at Mote SEA! In our new facility, campers will put on their science hats, ask big questions, and dive into hands-on experiments and discovery.

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General Information

Come have a STEM-sational time at Mote STEM Camp this summer! Located at our new Mote Science Education Aquarium (SEA) where we combine our groundbreaking research with fun, hands-on, age-appropriate, inquiry-based 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

\$270/session for members
\$300/session for non members

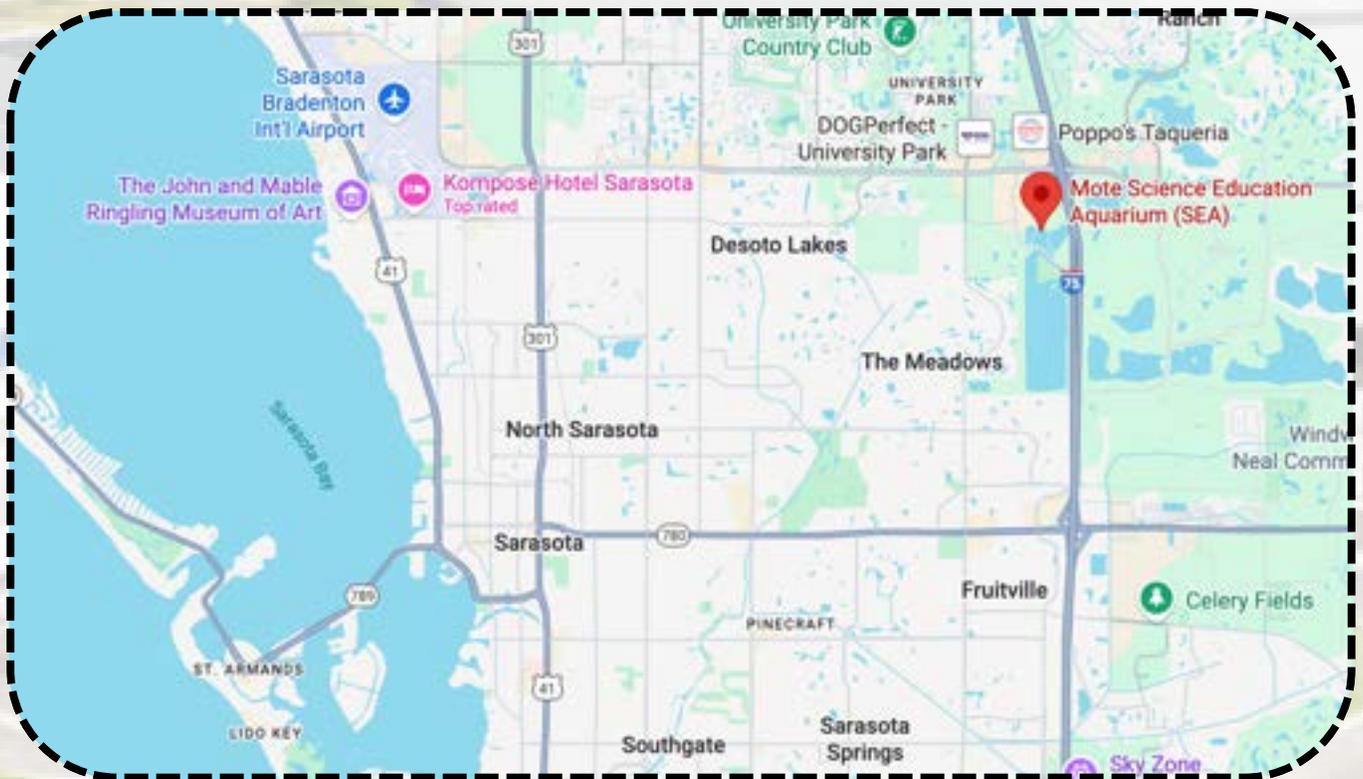


**Registration opens
February 11th, 2026**

Location

Mote STEM Camp will be held at the Science Education Aquarium near the UTC Mall.

**225 University Town Center Drive
Sarasota, FL 34243**



General Information

AM Camps run from 9:00a.m. to 1:00p.m.
PM Camps run 1:30p.m. to 5:30p.m.

Bubble Crew (6-7 year olds)
Wave Riders (8-10 year olds)
Ocean Allies (11-13 year olds)



AM Curriculum Schedule

	Camps		
	Bubble Crew Ages 6-7	Wave Riders Ages 8-10	Ocean Allies Ages 11-13
Dates			
Week 1 June 1st	---	Marine Habitat Hereos	Run a Research Station
Week 2 June 8th	Exhibit Works	Storytellers at SEA	---
Week 3 June 15th	---	Marine Habitat Hereos	Run a Research Station
Week 4 June 22nd	Exhibit Works	Storytellers at SEA	---
Week 5 June 29th	Mote Day Camps June 30th- July 2nd		
Week 6 July 6th	---	Marine Habitat Hereos	Run a Research Station
Week 7 July 13th	Exhibit Works	Storytellers at SEA	---
Week 8 July 20th	---	Marine Habitat Hereos	Run a Research Station
Week 9 July 27th	Exhibit Works	Storytellers at SEA	---
Week 10 August 3rd	Mote Day Camps August 3rd-7th		

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

Note: Bubble Crew and Ocean Allies camps will only be held at this location every other week. The 'off' weeks will have camps offered at the City Island campus. Please see the registration for Adventure Camp for more details.



PM Curriculum Schedule

Camps		
	Wave Riders Ages 8-10	Ocean Allies Ages 11-13
Dates		
Week 1 June 1st	Marine Rehabilitation	Science through Social Media
Week 2 June 8th	Exhibit Designers	---
Week 3 June 15th	Marine Rehabilitation	Science through Social Media
Week 4 June 22nd	Exhibit Designers	---
Week 5 June 29th	Mote Day Camps June 30th- July 2nd	
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Bubble Crew Program

Ages 6 - 7; AM program only

Exhibit Works

Campers will discover how Mote's research comes to life in the exhibits at our NEW aquarium. From animal ambassadors to coral restoration, each day highlights a different research theme through hands-on, age-appropriate STEM activities. Campers will explore the aquarium, create, build, and play through themed group games for a wonder-filled week of science, teamwork, and discovery at Mote SEA.



AM Wave Riders Programs

Ages 8 - 10

Marine Habitats Heroes

Join Mote for a journey through the ocean's most important ecosystems at Mote SEA. Campers will explore coral reefs, seagrass meadows, and the open ocean while discovering how these habitats function, connect, and support marine life. Through hands-on STEM activities, campers will investigate food webs, adaptations, and environmental challenges, learning there's much more to marine ecosystems than just predators and prey.

Storytellers at SEA

Campers will put on both their research and creative hats as they dive into the world of scientific storytelling. Using technology, observations, and teamwork, campers will research resident animals and create an original storybook inspired by life at Mote SEA. With aquarium exploration, games, and hands-on activities, this week blends science, creativity, and collaboration for unforgettable summer camp fun.

PM Wave Riders Programs

Ages 8 - 10

Marine Rehabilitation

For over 70 years, Mote has combined innovative research with hands-on animal rehabilitation. This week, campers will explore how Mote's veterinarians and scientists help heal injured marine animals and prepare them for release back into the wild. From manatees to sea turtles, campers will discover real rehabilitation methods through aquarium exploration, interactive STEM activities, and themed group games at Mote SEA.

Exhibit Designers

When Mote began designing its new aquarium, Mote SEA, creating the best possible habitats for its animals was the top priority. This week, campers will explore how scientists and designers create exhibits that meet the needs of animals—from seahorses to manatees. Through hands-on STEM challenges, campers will learn what goes into building an animal habitat and try designing their own.

PM Ocean Allies Programs

Ages 11 - 13

Science through Social Media

Mote's animals need your help! Campers will learn all about ocean conservation and they will design their own campaign to save an animal. Come explore different forms of media like videos, music, podcasts, virtual reality, and digital art. Join camp at Mote SEA for a fantastic week of designing for the planet!



AM Ocean Allies Programs

Ages 11 - 13

Run a Research Station

Inspired by Mote's founder, Dr. Eugenie Clark, whose groundbreaking shark research launched over 70 years of world-class science, campers will step into the role of real marine researchers. Throughout the week at Mote SEA, campers will solve real-world science challenges and collaborate as a research team. From hypothesis to discovery, this camp brings the tools, thinking, and excitement of running a research station to life, with teamwork, curiosity, and plenty of fun along the way.



We'll SEA you at STEM Camp!

To make the most of the camp experience, please ensure campers have the following items with them each day:

- Refillable Water Bottle
- Comfortable Shoes
- Nutritious NUT-FREE snack
- If your camper is staying all day; 2 NUT-FREE snacks AND 1 NUT-FREE lunch

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Questions?
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