



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs):

- **What are the hours for Camp Ocean?**

Camp Ocean will begin at 9am and end at 3pm each day for all grades.

- **Is the grade based on the grade my Camper was in or is going into?**

Your registration should be based on the age your Camper(s) is GOING INTO this Fall 2023.

- **What time can I drop off and pick up my Camper?**

Morning drop-off is between 8:45 and 9am each morning. Pick up is from 3:00 to 3:15 each afternoon. On the Monday of each Camp week drop off will begin at 8:30 to allow parents/guardians a little extra time to navigate the first drop-off and check-in process.

- **Are masks required to attend Camp Ocean this summer?**

Masks are not required to attend Camp Ocean this year but remain an option for any parent or Camper choosing to wear them. As always, our Camp Ocean team maintains excellent standards in cleaning and disinfecting all Camp Ocean areas and supplies.

- **My children are not the same age. Are they able to attend Camp Ocean together?**

We will offer Camp Ocean for grades 1 – 8 throughout the summer, but all ages of Camp will not necessarily be offered simultaneously. Our summer schedule will offer two different varying age groups per week, providing parents many options to choose from to facilitate different aged children within the same household. Separating our Camps into different age brackets allows us to not only maintain a safer number of Campers at one time, but also supports age-appropriate learning through grade-specific curriculum and activities. The breakdown for Camp Ocean age ranges is:

- 1 – 2: Fins, Feathers, and Fur: All About Animals
- 3 – 5: Land, Sea, and Sky: Habitats of the World
- 6 – 8: Junior Marine Biologists: Care & Conservation

- **Is there only one date for my child's age group?**

No, there are multiple offerings of Camp Ocean throughout the summer for each age group. Please see our website at www.odyseeaquarium.com/education for specific Camp dates for your Camper(s).

- **Is there Camp on Memorial Day (May 29) and Fourth of July?**

Camp Ocean will be offered Monday through Friday of each week. We will still have Camp Ocean during the holiday weeks of Memorial Day and Fourth of July. Should you choose to keep your child home to observe the holiday, they may still join Camp the remaining days of the week. Camp Ocean does not offer pro-rated fees for Campers that choose to not attend on holidays.

- **Is there before or after Camp care offered this year?**

Camp Ocean does not offer before or after-Camp care for Summer Camp 2023.

- **Will my child have to be outdoors in the summer?**

No. OdySea Aquarium offers the COOLEST summer camp around, both literally and figuratively! While we may take brief outdoor excursions to visit animals or do activities, your child will enjoy the comfort of indoor, air-conditioned fun throughout Camp Ocean.

- **What should my child wear to Camp Ocean?**

Your Camper should wear their Camp Ocean tee shirt each day of Camp and whatever bottoms they're comfortable in. Your Camper will be provided with one Camp Ocean tee shirt, and additional tees will be available for purchase should you prefer to have additional shirts. CLOSED TOE shoes are mandatory, as many of our Camp excursions will be behind-the-scenes or in/around animal areas. We recommend a light jacket or hoodie, as the bulk of your Camper's day will be indoors in air conditioning.

- **Do we pack lunches, or can we purchase lunch at OdySea Aquarium?**

Purchased lunch will not be an option this summer, so each Camper should bring their own packed lunch. We ask that you send your Camper with one morning snack and a reusable water bottle along with their packed lunch in a thermal lunchbox. Your Camper's lunch will remain in their lunchbox until lunch time. A healthy afternoon snack will be provided for your Camper(s). Gluten-free options will be available.

- **What if my child or a family member gets sick during their Camp Ocean week?**

If your child or an immediate family member is exhibiting symptoms of not feeling well, we ask that you refrain from sending them to Camp Ocean for the day and contact Campocean@odyseaaquarium.com for rescheduling options.

- **Can I send my child with their phone or camera?**

Your Camper is welcome to bring their phone in the event you need to contact them, but it will only be available to them during restroom breaks and lunch period to check messages. Cameras will not be permitted. We want your Camper(s) to be present immersing themselves in all that Camp Ocean has to offer, so our Camp Ocean Counselors will be taking pictures of our Campers and their excursions all throughout the week. We will provide a photo link for all parents at the end of Camp Ocean. OdySea Aquarium is not responsible for lost or damaged phones or personal belongings.

- **My child is on medication. Can I send their medication in with them?**

While our Camp Counselors do not administer over the counter or prescription medication to your Camper, should your Camper require medication during their time at Camp Ocean, please note it on their medical record. We ask that you try to schedule the administration of your child's medications to before or after Camp Ocean if possible.

- **My child carries an epi-pen. Can I send that with them to Camp Ocean?**

Yes. Campers are permitted to bring their prescription epi-pens with them to Camp Ocean as long as the epi-pen is an auto injector. It will be checked in and out each day with your Camper,

and remain secured and carried by our Camp Counselors, accompanying your Camper with them wherever they go.

- **If we cannot attend Camp Ocean after registering, is it possible to get a refund?**

There is a cancellation fee of \$100 per Camper, so please make sure your scheduled Camp Ocean week is one that works for your family. In the case of an unforeseen emergency or illness, we will work with you to reschedule or refund your Camp Ocean experience.

- **Can I switch my Camp date after booking?**

Rescheduling dates from one week to another will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis pending availability, and rescheduling will incur a \$50 rescheduling fee per Camper. Please contact us if this need arises. We cannot guarantee the ability to accommodate scheduling changes.

For any additional questions, please contact us at:

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