

GENERAL INFORMATION AND STANDARDS

Administration & Camp Staff

SeaWorld Adventure Camps are designed, directed, and supervised by the Education & Conservation Department of SeaWorld San Diego.

SeaWorld is an accredited member camp of the American Camp Association (ACA). Developed exclusively for the camp profession, the ACA focuses on program quality, health and safety issues, and requires us to review every facet of our operation.

All SeaWorld Day Camp Counselors are members of the SeaWorld Education & Conservation Department. All staff must pass a drug test and criminal background check before working at camp.

Once hired, their training includes child behavior management, marine animal natural history, and educational SeaWorld-themed crafts, games, and songs. In addition, camp staff receives extensive training regarding camper health and safety; a CPR, First Aid, and AED trained staff member is present with campers at all times.

Mandatory Camper Health History and Release Forms

Before your camper can participate in camp, you must complete and sign the following forms in the enclosed "Release Forms and Health History" packet:

- Health History Form
- Medications Form and Release
- Consent and Release for Medical Treatment
- Release of Liability, Voluntary Assumption of Risk, Indemnification and Waiver of Claim
- Photo Release
- Code of Conduct Agreement (grades K-9th)
- 4th through 6th grade campers must complete and sign the *Mission Bay Aquatic Center* release form to participate in the kayak field trip.
- 7th through 9th grade campers must complete and sign the *Mission Bay Aquatic Center* release form to participate in the snorkel field trip.

Please mail all your completed forms to the address below at least three weeks before your camp session. Campers will not be admitted to camp until signed release forms and health history forms are on file.

SeaWorld Day Camp 500 Sea World Drive San Diego, CA 92109

SeaWorld Day Camp is for enrolled students only. Adults, siblings, and other guests may not attend.

Daily Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures

Please display the enclosed "Drop-off & Pick-up" placard on your vehicle's dashboard each day. **Directions**: Off of SeaWorld Drive turn North at the light at S. Shores Park and follow the road around to the Left. At the Security check-point turn Left. Once inside the SeaWorld parking area please park on the right-hand-side and proceed on foot to the Education/Day Camp Gate for check-in. Please exit through the main SeaWorld exit.

For the safety of the campers and employees please drive slowly in the parking lot. The posted speed limit is 10 MPH and will be enforced.

Camper Check-In and Sign-Out

Campers will need to check-in with their counselor at the Day Camp Drop-off/Pick-up area. A parent, guardian, or designee must sign a camper out each day.

Camper check-in begins at 8:15 a.m. Please do not drop off your camper before this time. The drop-off/pick-up area will not have supervision until camp staff arrives at 8:15 a.m.

To check-in, walk your camper to the appropriate grade level and section sign to meet his or her counselors and receive a nametag.

- If your child is attending any K-9th grade camp, please note the hand-printed letter next to the course listed on the confirmation form. For example, **B** means the camper will be in the **B** section of that grade level. Go to the **B** sign for that grade level each morning for check-in.
- Preschool and 7-9th grade campers go to the grade level sign for your class as there is only one section of this class each week.
- Counselors and campers will enter SeaWorld at 8:30 a.m.

Camper pick-up is at 3:00 p.m. for all campers grades K-9th.

If another adult besides yourself is picking up your camper, you must complete the pink *Pick-up Release* Form included in this packet and mail it in with the other release forms.

If we have any concerns, a Camp Supervisor will contact the parent/guardian for instructions before releasing a child.

Late or Absent Campers

If your child will be late for drop-off or absent from camp, please call (800) 257-4268 option 4 then option 1 Monday through Friday after 8:30 a.m. Missed days cannot be made up or refunded. Keep in mind that it may take as long as 30 minutes for a late camper to store their belongings and be united with their class.

If your child will be picked up late (after 3:15 p.m.) please call (800) 257-4268, option 4, then option 1.

Early Pick-Up

If you need to pick up your camper early (before 3:00 p.m.), please speak with your camp counselors **and** the camp supervisor at morning check-in. **Early pick-ups will be at 1:00 only.** We will arrange to have your camper at the Camp Drop-off/Pick-up area at the appropriate time.

If you need to schedule a new pick-up time after camp begins, please call (800) 257-4268, option 4, then option 1 to speak with one of our camp support staff. Please remember that unexpected early pick-ups may take as long as 30 minutes to collect your camper, gather their belongings, and escort them to the Camp Drop-off/Pick-up area.

Camper Attire

Campers receive a SeaWorld Day Camp shirt on the first day of camp. This camp shirt should be worn every day. Camp shirts help build camaraderie and allow counselors to identify and manage their groups more effectively.

Please dress your camper in cool, comfortable play clothes and comfortable, closed-toe, walking shoes. A hat and sunscreen are recommended. Dress in layers; San Diego can be cool and overcast in the morning and then turn hot and sunny by afternoon.

Campers are welcome to wear a *small* backpack or fanny pack to hold a snack, camera, and sunscreen. Make sure personal items are labeled. Please leave valuables, including money, at home. SeaWorld is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

Drinks, Snacks, and Lunch

All campers will receive a SeaWorld Adventure Camp water bottle on the first day of camp. Campers can fill it with water or another type of drink from home during the week. We will take bathroom and snack breaks throughout the day. If needed, campers may refill their water bottle at this time from water fountains.

SeaWorld will provide a morning and an afternoon snack to your camper, (examples include fruit roll-ups, granola bars, pretzels, goldfish crackers).

<u>You will need to send a non-perishable lunch</u>, (lunches will not be stored in a refrigerator), for your camper. No glass containers or straws are allowed. DO NOT send money.

Document your child's special dietary needs or allergies on the health history form. *Please remind us at check-in if your camper has any special dietary needs or allergies.*

Day Camp at SeaWorld

The day will be spent both in the park enjoying SeaWorld's shows, animal exhibits and aquariums, rides, and Sesame Street Bay of Play and also at our camp facility playing games, performing labs, and making crafts. Games, crafts, labs, and activities change annually to creat a unique camp experience for your child. Campers will have also time to rest out of the sun during the afternoon at our air-conditioned multipurpose room located at the camp facility. Campers may watch short segments of G-rated movies during this rest time.

Camp "Wet Days"

"Wet-days" are scheduled for each camp session, in the afternoon. Camp staff will notify you during pick-up on Monday of your appointed "wet-day".

Please pack the following items for "wet days":

- Swimsuit (to wear under clothes) or clothing that dries quickly.
- Towel labeled with camper's name.
- Shoes that can get wet; no flip-flops.
- Sunscreen. (Counselors will remind campers to re-apply sunscreen after lunch.)

Staying at SeaWorld After Camp

The price of camp *does not* include admission to SeaWorld after camp. Campers must purchase a ticket at the main entrance to go back into the park after camp.

SeaWorld Passport Members (Fun Card, Silver, and Platinum members) may stay in the park after camp, if they are accompanied by an admission-paid or passport-member adult. Please go to the front entrance for entry back into the park.

Campers who are Passport members *and* 14 years-of-age or older may stay in the park after camp, unaccompanied by an adult, with written permission from the parent/guardian. Please provide this information to your camper's counselor or the camp supervisor.

Refunds and Cancellations

Speak to a reservationist for any and all changes. A \$25 processing fee will be withheld from all refunds.

Cancellations received **six weeks** prior to camp will result in a 100% refund minus the processing fee, and if received **four to six weeks** prior to the session, will result in a 50% refund minus the processing fee.

If notice of cancellation is received **four weeks or less** prior to camp, the entire camp fee will be forfeited, or, if space is available, you may rebook into an open date within the same calendar year. A \$25 processing fee will apply.

A \$25 processing fee is applied to any grade level change.

Camp is not cancelled for rain. You will not receive a refund if your child misses a day of camp.

If any participant leaves camp early, or is dismissed, no refund will be given.

Please call (800) 257-4268, option 4, then option 1 if you have any questions or concerns about the camp programs.

Kayaking & Snorkeling Adventures (4th-9th graders)

Campers registered in our 4th-6th grade sessions will kayak on Mission Bay with the staff of the *Mission Bay Aquatic Center (MBAC)*. To participate in the kayaking activity, a parent/guardian must sign and return the *Mission Bay Aquatic Center (MBAC)* release form included in this packet. *MBAC* provides certified staff, equipment, and instructions for this activity. In addition to small craft certification, *MBAC* staff are First Aid, CPR, and lifeguard certified. Campers wear life jackets when on the water.

Campers registered in our 7th-9th grade sessions will participate in a snorkeling adventure. *Mission Bay Aquatic Center* provides certified staff, equipment such as spring suits, masks, and snorkels, and instructions for this activity. Campers also wear a life jacket when in the water. To participate in the snorkeling activity, a parent/guardian must sign and return the *MBAC* release form included in this packet. In addition to scuba certification, *Mission Bay Aquatic Center* staff are First Aid, CPR, and lifeguard certified.

All 4th-9th graders on the kayak/snorkel day should wear a swimsuit under their clothes, (no bikinis please), their camp shirt, and shoes that can get wet (no flip flops). Bring sunscreen and a towel.

Medical Services

SeaWorld has a team of Nurses and/or Emergency Medical Technicians on duty at all times while camp is in session. These health care professionals are under the supervision of a licensed doctor.

Camp Counselors are trained to respond to safety and emergency situations and carry a radio to contact Medical Services at any time.

While at SeaWorld San Diego, the Medical Services staff will attend to any camper's minor medical needs or recommend further medical attention. A SeaWorld representative will contact you in case of an emergency.

Please make sure the emergency contact information and any phone numbers listed on the health history form are accurate and up-to-date. *At least one number should be a local or U.S. cellular phone number*.

Medications

Please make sure to fully and accurately complete the *SeaWorld Health History* form including information about any prescription and/or over-the-counter (OTC) medications your camper is using and/or needs to bring with them to camp. SeaWorld Medical Services staff *cannot* dispense any medications without the parent/guardian approval signature on the *Medications Form and Release* including the over-the-counter medication section of the form.

All prescription and over-the-counter medications must be turned in to staff at check-in. All medications must be in their original containers displaying original labels with physician's instructions (if prescription) or with manufacturer's directions (if over-the-counter). Camper medications will be stored in a labeled bag with a copy of their health history form at the SeaWorld Medical Services office. SeaWorld Medical Services staff will be responsible for administering all medication, either as prescribed in writing by a physician, or as indicated by the manufacturer's directions for an over-the-counter medication.