



AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC

Day Camp Guide 2025



**Parents and caregivers, please review this guide
before your week of camp**

Welcome to Aquarium Day Camp!

The Aquarium of the Pacific's Day Camps are an exciting opportunity to connect learners age 3-12 to our ocean habitats, animals, and conservation.



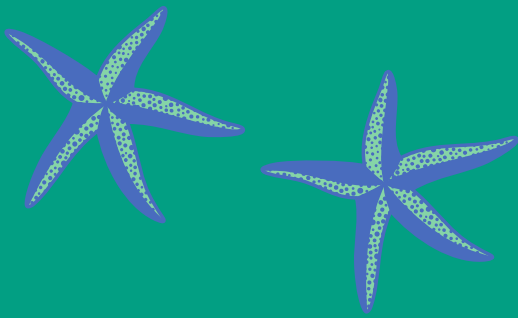
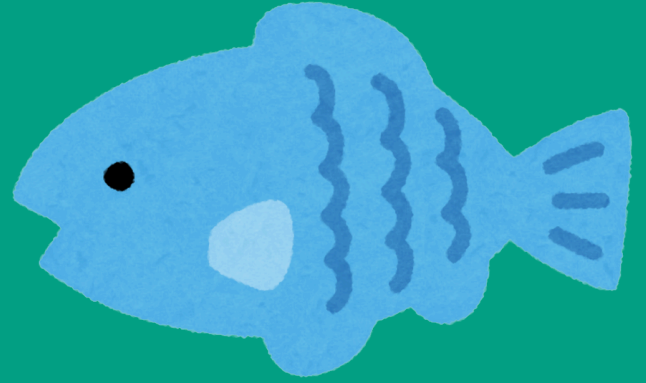
The following guide will help you and your camper prepare for a memorable week of camp.

For information and reservations
(562) 951-1630

Camp Offerings

Fish Fry (age 3-4 w/adult)

This 3-day, 2-hour camp is for young learners with an adult. This camp focuses on collaborative adult-child activities utilizing play, movement, and exploration.



Sea Squirts (age 5-6)

This 3-day, 3-hour camp invites young scientists to explore our ocean habitats through crafts, activities, and the opportunity to feed aquarium animals.

Ocean Adventure (age 7-9)

This 5-day, 9-hour camp invites explorers to investigate a variety of ocean topics through activities, crafts, games, and special behind-the-scenes opportunities.

Junior Biologist (age 7-12)

This 5-day, 9-hour camp invites scientists to go on a deep dive through activities, crafts, games, and special behind-the-scenes opportunities.

Before Your Camp

Camp Confirmation Materials

Upon booking, you will receive a packet to complete. These forms must be filled and submitted to the camp staff on the first day of camp. It is highly recommended to fill and print these forms prior to check in.

Allergies and Medication

Children with allergies that require epinephrine or other medications will need a completed Medication Release Form signed by a parent or guardian. Please be sure to bring any necessary medications, such as epinephrine or antihistamines, to the first day of camp and Camp Staff will hold onto them at all times.

What to Bring - Full Day Camps

- Waiver
- Emergency contact form
- Medication release (if required)
- Lunch
- 2 snacks
- Close toed shoes
- Optional: hat, sunscreen
- Optional: camera on the last day of camp only

What to Bring - Half Day Camps

- Waiver
- Emergency contact form
- Medication release (if required)
- Snack
- Close toed shoes
- Optional: hat, sunscreen
- Optional: camera on the last day of camp only



Drop-off and Pick-up

Fish Fry

Park in the Aquarium parking structure and meet at the front circle at 8:15am (see map on next page). Camp runs from 8:30-10:30am. Admission is included and you will be released to the Aquarium at the finale of each camp day.

Sea Squirts

Drop off and pick up is located in the rear circle of the Aquarium (see map on next page). From the front plaza, follow Golden Shore along the side of the Aquarium. Drop off runs from 8:15am-8:30am with pick up at 11:30am.

Ocean Adventure and Junior Biologist

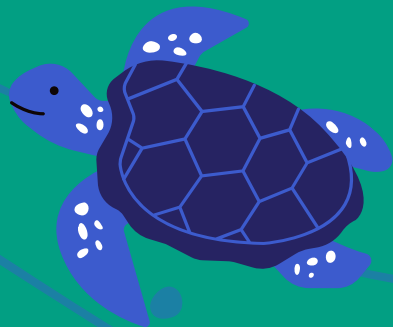
Drop off and pick up is located at the front circle of the Aquarium (see map on next page). Drop off is from 7:45-8:00am and pick up is at 5:00pm.

Who Can Pick Up Your Camper

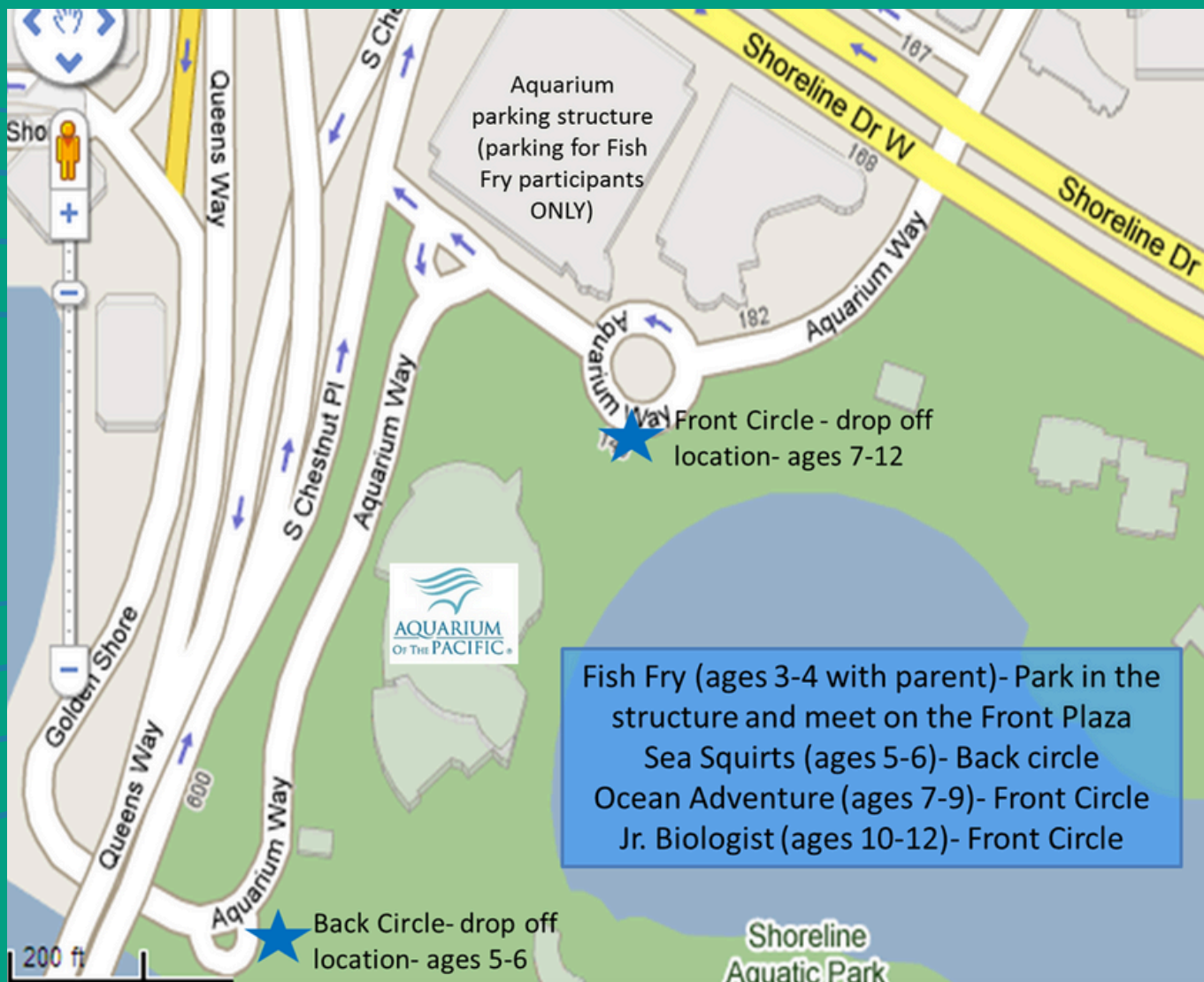
Only those listed on the emergency contact form will be authorized to sign out your child at the end of the day. Please instruct any person picking up your child to bring either the placard given to you on the first day of camp, or a photo ID. Campers may not sign themselves out and therefore must be picked up by an approved person.

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedure

To ensure a safe and efficient process, please do your part by remaining in your vehicle and forming a traffic line at your assigned drop-off and pick-up location. Those that walk up will be attended to after those in their vehicles. The aquarium will not reimburse your parking fee if you choose to park in the structure.



Drop-off and Pick-up



Late Pick Up

If you know that you will be late to pick up, please call and let us know at (562) 951-1723. For pick-ups later than 15 minutes after camp ends, a late fee of \$15 for every 15 minutes or any portion thereof will be applied.

Early Pick Up (Before Camp Concludes)

For early pick up, call the Education Department (562) 951-1723 when you arrive at the Front Circle of the Aquarium. An Education staff member will escort your child to the Front Circle to be signed out. Please do not leave your car unattended in the traffic circle or you are subject to receive a ticket from the city. To allow educators to clean up and get campers out on time, early pick-up is not available within 30 minutes of pick-up time.

Accessibility

Accommodations

The Aquarium wants all children to have a successful and enjoyable experience at camp. While we encourage campers to participate in all activities, our Educators are able to provide modified lessons and some accommodations for campers with special needs. Please contact us at (562) 951-1723 so that our staff can be prepared to provide the best possible camp experience for your child.

Aides

Please contact the Education office at (562) 951-1723 if your camper will be attending camp with a certified aide. If your child requires an aide during the school year, we ask that you provide one for camp. Aides cannot be parents or other family members of the camper.

Camper Expectations

We strive to make every camp experience positive for all learners. We will exercise our best judgment when enforcing the camp guidelines. If your child breaks any of the guidelines agreed upon by the Camp Code of Conduct:

- **First occurrence** - Camper receives a warning.
- **Second occurrence** - loss of activity.
- **Third occurrence** - you will be updated at pick up about the behavior and steps taken.

For the safety of staff and campers, we reserve the right to dismiss a child from camp for extreme discipline problems and/or repeated violation of camp rules, non-cooperation with staff, policies, or procedures, or running away from staff or activities.



A Day in Camp

Activities and Crafts

Each day, campers will explore a different marine science theme through a variety of activities and crafts. Campers are encouraged to give each a try, but modified or alternate activities can be provided.

Nature Walks

Some camps include a nature walk to nearby wetlands. Parents and guardians will be notified the day before at pick up if the camp will going on a nature walk. They will be encouraged to bring a hat and sunscreen for this activity.

Tote Bags

All campers will receive a tote bag they will decorate throughout the week and take home at the conclusion of camp.

Outdoor Play

Some days will include opportunities to play games on the front plaza. Campers will have the opportunity to join games led by educators or opt for alternate free play (jump ropes, hula hoops, etc.). Campers will be reminded to hydrate after activities and throughout the day.

Husbandry Activities

Some of our camps include special interactions with animals and our animal care team.

- **Ocean Adventure and Junior Biologist** - include daily opportunities to meet and care for a variety of animals. Some activities take place behind the scenes. Close toed shoes will be required for all activities.
- **Sea Squirts** - include front of house animal interactions related to the daily theme.

Campers can choose to participate or observe if preferred.



Additional Information

Injuries

A safe and fun experience is our top concern. If your child becomes injured, we will take necessary steps to ensure that your child receives the proper medical attention. We will attempt to contact you first, then those on the emergency contact list.

Illness

For the health of the other campers, please do not send your child to camp if they are sick. We will call you to pick-up your child if they become ill.

Missing a Day of Camp

If you know your child will be missing a day, please let us know at (562) 951-1723. We want to make sure your child is ok! We are unable to refund missed days of camp.

Lost and Found

Lost and found is at the Member Services Desk. Our Security Department holds all lost and found items for 30 days and then they are donated.

Contacting your Camper During Camp

If for any reason you need to reach your child during the day, you can reach an Education staff member at (562) 951-1723.

