



Sea Explorers Marine Camp 2024

Dear Parent:

Thank you for supporting Cornell Cooperative Extension's Marine Program! I look forward to meeting you and your child at the **2024 Sea Explorers Marine Camp**.

ALL IMMUNIZATIONS must be uploaded into the camp registration system by JUNE 1, 2024. Please be as specific as possible, when completing the forms so that we can provide your child with all of the specialized attention he/she needs.

Registration may be forfeited without refund if complete forms and immunization records are not received by June 1, 2024.

Your child will not be able to attend camp without an immunization record from a doctor's office. We can ONLY accept immunization records uploaded into the registration system with a stamp or signed by doctor's office. This is the 4th form needed to complete your child's pre-camp and registration requirements!

For 2024... ALL CAMPERS NEED TO complete 5 FORMS within the registration system :

- 1) Immunizations from your doctor's office – must be uploaded by June 1, 2024!
Completed during registration... but can be found in the Document Center if you need to update/edit:
- 2) Camper Medical Information and Releases
- 3) Camp Policies, Risk Acknowledgement, and Agreements
- 4) Additional Camper Questions

Outdoor Activities Each day there will be some type of outdoor activity (weather permitting). Your child **must** bring water shoes (e.g., aqua socks or sandals that strap on are highly recommended; NOT flip flops, crocs or strapless sandals that tend to fall off and float away), a bathing suit, and a towel every day to participate in water activities. Camp is rain or shine! We do have indoor space (classroom/tank room).

Please note: if Cedar Beach is closed due to water-quality issues, campers will not be allowed in the water until the beach is re-opened by the Suffolk County Department of Health.

Changing rooms are available, however your child may wear his/her swimsuit to camp if desired. A waterproof sunscreen should be **applied daily before coming to camp**, as well as, insect repellent. We suggest that your child bring additional sunscreen to reapply throughout the day. A hat is also strongly recommended. Green flies, mosquitoes, and ticks are found on the Cedar Beach property; please check your children for ticks every day after camp. Please provide your child with insect repellent and/or apply a sunscreen/insect repellent combination. In the case of possible rain or cool weather, please dress your child appropriately.

Meals: You must pack a **snack and lunch**, including a drink, every day in an insulated lunchbox/bag with an ice pack. Please do **not** send drinks in glass containers. Although a water cooler is available on site, please make sure that your child has a **water bottle**. We recommend that children have a small backpack to carry towels, water bottles, etc. **Children are not permitted to share any food while at camp due to possible food allergies. Please try to limit or avoid lunch or snacks that contain peanuts where possible.** We do understand some children will only eat peanut butter for lunch, we are just asking to consider alternatives, when possible and we thank you in advance for your cooperation!

Family participation: Camp starts at **9AM** and ends at **2PM** each day. Please arrive on time for the beginning and end of each camp day. You may drop children off between 8:55 and 9AM but not earlier. You or another **adult must escort your child into and out of the building each day. Children are not permitted to meet you in the parking lot.** Enclosed is a camp pass for the parking lot; it is good for the week your child is at camp. Please present the pass to the person at the gate when you drive in. This pass allows you only to drop off and pick up your child at camp; it is not a valid parking pass for the entire day. **Without an appropriate pass, your car is subject to a fine or tow between the hours of 10AM and 1PM; and after 3 PM.** If you wish to park during these hours, passes are available from the gate attendant for a fee (non-Town of Babylon residents). Please be prompt! We do not have aftercare... there is a \$50 fee for any pick-up past 2:15 and additional \$50 late pick-up fees are at the discretion of the camp director past 2:30.

Daily checklist:

- Lunch
- Snack
- Filled Water bottle
- Bathing suit (put on BEFORE camp under clothes)
- Water shoes (Teva-type with straps are recommended, flip flops /crocs are hard to run in!)
- Towel Sunscreen
- Hat
- Insect repellent
- Sun Block (applied before you arrive...spray is best).

Each child will be provided with a camp T-shirt. Additional shirts may be purchased for \$10 each. We also have hats and back packs available for \$10.

Our staff's goal is to help your child have a safe and enjoyable summer experience. We appreciate your input at any time. You can reach us at **(631) 223-4422**.

All camp policies and additional information can be found in the Parent Handbook at SeaExplorersMarineCamp.com. and attached to confirmation emails or in the Document Center.

Please note:

As you have experienced with new CDC guidelines and recommendations changing frequently over the past year, we will send you an updated Risk Acknowledgement form/waiver and COVID closer to camp once we get additional guidance from CDC/NYS.

****New policy*****

3 forms in the registration system + most recent Immunization records are due to be **UPLOADED into the camp registration system** by June 1st, 2024 or you may forfeit your registration without refund and the spot will be offered to the next person on the waitlist.

If you register AFTER June 1st, please upload as soon as possible.

All other forms have been filled out as part of the registration process.

Change to our Refund/ Cancellation Policy Regarding Aquarium

Trips: Due to circumstances pertaining to the novel coronavirus we may not be able to guarantee that camp field trips will be held as scheduled. While we plan to run as scheduled, in the event of field trip cancellations campers and staff will remain at the Sport Fishing Education Center, Cedar Beach Marina in Babylon to continue with a normal camp schedule (9am-2pm).

Alternative activities and lessons are planned for times such as these. A partial refund will be given to reimburse you for the cost of admission and bussing that your camp fee covers.