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Ocean Institute Coastal Explorer Camp Offers Off-Shore Adventure for Ages 10-12

Dana Point, CALIF., July 24, 2007 – The Ocean Institute will offer Coastal Explorer Camp, an exciting, week-long summer camp for children ages 10-12, each week in August. The five-day, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. camps are scheduled for the weeks of August 6, 13, 20 and 27. Children will have the opportunity to learn about the science of our coastlines in a way that is both hands-on and fun. Activities include kayaking, operating remote operated vehicles (ROVs), crabbing, catch and release fishing, tidepooling, and wildlife cruises. Participants will learn the science of our coastlines, including a study of waves, sand and the sea creatures who live off our shores.

The cost for the week is \$275, or for members of the Institute, \$245. For additional information or to enroll your child, call (949) 496-2274, ext. 0, or visit www.ocean-institute.org.

Open to the Public on Weekends – The Ocean Institute is open to the general public on Saturdays and Sundays, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Cost: \$6 adults, \$4 children ages 4-12. Or, with the purchase of a membership, a family can enjoy year-round free admission, benefit from member-only events and receive discounts on all other programs.

Visitors can also board one of the Ocean Institute's sea-going vessels, the state-of-the-art *R/V Sea Explorer* or the historic tallship *Spirit of Dana Point*. Cruises are an additional charge.

Founded in 1977, the Ocean Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to ocean preservation through education, setting the standard for educational excellence and serving as a leading resource for universities, museums, teachers and all others seeking to increase their knowledge of the ocean. The Ocean Institute is open to the general public on weekends, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cost: \$6 adults, \$4 children (ages 3-12), Ocean Institute members free. Unique maritime and ocean-themed items are available in the Chambers Gallery everyday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Institute address: 24200 Dana Point Harbor Dr., Dana Point. Website: www.ocean-institute.org.

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