

Activity Information Acknowledgement

Neptune's Mysteries Camp

Ocean Institute camps are accredited by the American Camp Association and require an Activity Information Acknowledgement form to ensure parents/guardians are aware of the activities their child will participate in. The information packet you receive upon registration will include a parent letter, schedule and frequently asked questions for the camp your child is attending. By registering your child for camp, you are giving them permission to participate in the activities outlined in the information packet.

The Ocean Institute is a safety conscious organization and works hard to make your child's camp experience the safest possible. We have provided information on activities your child may participate in involving a level of risk because of the potential for injury in any activity. Our goal is to mitigate risk, balancing fun with safety at camp, so your child will have an unforgettable experience.

Campers participate in a variety of instructor led hands-on activities ranging from arts and crafts to squid dissections and water chemistry testing. The following are some activities which may need explanation:

Outside Activities: Activities may occur outside. Shade is provided in some, but not all, activity areas, meaning there is a risk of sunburn. The Ocean Institute requires sunscreen be applied in the morning before camp, unless a note is written by the parent. Campers will be asked to reapply sunscreen during the day. Your child will be responsible for applying the sunscreen and may ask for other camper's help. The Ocean Institute staff and volunteers are not allowed to apply sunscreen by hand.

Exploration in the Dana Point Marine Conservation Area: Camp participants will be going to the tidepools in the Dana Point Marine Conservation Area. This is a wilderness area with rough terrain, uneven footing and slippery rocks. Slipping and falling are possibilities. Proper footwear, i.e., closed-toed, closed-heel shoes with good traction, is required. Instructors carry first aid kits and radios. Tides are not very low in the daytime during the summer so if we go into the intertidal area we may not be able to see any tidepool animals.

R/V Sea Explorer Cruise: The *R/V Sea Explorer* is a federally documented vessel which means it does not require the use of passenger life jackets. Approved Coast Guard Certified life jackets are accessible for youth and adult passengers, but are distributed *only* in the case of an emergency. There is a safety rail around the entire vessel and campers are monitored at all times while on the vessel. The vessel is also equipped with heavy scientific gear used to collect samples for camper use during the cruises. These areas are marked and off-limits to the students. Like any vessel during times at sea, the environment of the boat can be slippery and unsteady.

Maddie James Seaside Learning Center: This learning lab floats and is a dock where students can discover the techniques and technologies used by scientists. Students are supervised at all times and the facility has rescue equipment readily available.

Pilgrim Tour: The Brig Pilgrim is a tall ship built in 1945. The Brig is a fully functioning sailing ship, and therefore has equipment, lines and rooms dedicated to this function. These areas are marked and off-limits to the students. Like any wooden ship, the deck may be slippery and parts may have exposed or rough wood. There is a safety rail around the entire vessel and campers are monitored at all times while on the vessel.

I have read the description of the program for this camp and agree that my child is physically able and prepared to participate in all camp activities/program.

I, the undersigned parent/ guardian give my permission for _____
to participate in the camp activities.

Parent or Guardian's signature

Date