

SALTWATER STUDIES Summer Camp

PALM BEACH COUNTY



Dates: Monday, July 17 – Friday, July 21, 2017

Time: 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM

Age Group: 2nd – 6th Grade

Size: 5 to 15 students

Cost: \$225 per student with 20% sibling discount

Location: Boynton Beach Inlet Park, 6990 North Ocean Boulevard, Boynton Beach, FL 33435. Participants will meet at the covered pavilion to the left of the playground facilities.

Overview: This is a five-day camp that will provide a biblically-based focus on local marine environments and marine life present. Each day will begin with a devotional to encourage students to search for the character of God in His Creation. Activities will include:

- Snorkeling
- Sea shell and marine organism identification
- Quantification laboratories
- Environmental health and conservation activities
- Shark teeth identification and size estimation laboratory

Students will be given a Saltwater Studies t-shirt, collection bag and identification field guides. They will also be provided with necessary materials to use for the day's planned activities including a clipboard, writing utensil, data sheet, collection equipment etc. Students will have time to swim each day. They must bring their own mask and/or snorkel for the snorkeling activities.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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DAILY TOPICS

Please note that this is a tentative schedule that may be modified based on weather and local conditions.

Day 1

Theme: Seeing the character of God in His Creation
Scripture: Romans 1:20
Activities: Students will learn about the identification of marine life and sea shells in a sandy beach environment.

Day 2

Theme: Creation was made to praise the Lord!
Scripture: Psalm 148
Activities: Students will learn about the identification of marine life and sea shells in a marine environment surveying both Intracoastal and ocean waters.

Day 3

Theme: Creation reveals information about God
Scripture: Psalm 111:2; Psalm 19:1-2
Activities: Students will learn scientific techniques commonly used by scientists to quantify marine life.

Day 4

Theme: Taking care of God's Creation
Scripture: Psalm 24:1-2; Genesis 2:15
Activities: Students will learn scientific techniques commonly used by scientists to determine the environment health of water and sediment in a marine ecosystem.

Day 5

Theme: God cares about His Creation, especially you!
Scripture: Psalm 139
Activities: Students will learn scientific techniques commonly used by scientists to identify shark teeth as well as estimate total Megalodon shark length based on fossilized teeth height.

DAILY SCHEDULE

9:00 AM	Drop Off
9:00 – 9:30 AM	Devotional
9:30 – 9:45 AM	Discussion on Daily Topic
9:45 – 10:15 AM	Activity #1 (Laboratory Activity or Game)
10:15 – 11:15 AM	Activity #2 (Beach Walk, Field Activities, etc.)
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM	Free Swim and/or Snorkeling
12:00 – 12:30 PM	Lunch
12:30 PM	Pick Up

REGISTRATION

To register your child for the 2017 Saltwater Studies Summer Camp:

1. Email Saltwater Studies with the following information:
 - a. Student Name, Age, Grade Level & T-Shirt Size
 - b. Parent Contact Information (Email Address & Cell Phone Number)
2. Submit a \$50 registration fee.
 - a. Once you have emailed Saltwater Studies, you will be sent an invoice via PayPal.
 - b. You will then be directed to PayPal where you can submit your credit card information.
3. Complete the necessary Liability and Photo Releases for each child participating in the Summer Camp. These forms may be provided to Saltwater Studies on the first day of Summer Camp. They can be downloaded from the Saltwater Studies web site: <http://saltwaterstudies.com/services/camps/>. *Please note that no child will be allowed to participate in the Summer Camp without having these forms completed by his or her parent or guardian.*

Payment Schedule

- A \$50 registration fee is required to reserve your child's space.
- The balance of the summer camp fee is due by July 10, 2017.

Please note that failure to pay fees by the applicable deadlines will result in the forfeiture of your child's reservation.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Safety & Supervision. During the Summer Camp, there will be a Saltwater Studies employee on hand to supervise and assist your children in the activities and provide medical assistance in the event of an emergency. There will be a Saltwater Studies employee present at all times who is trained and certified in boating safety and water rescue techniques.

Professionalism & Biblical Focus. All field trips will be led by a professional marine biologist with experience teaching children and youth in an outdoor environment. Saltwater Studies lectures and discussion will be presented from a Biblical standpoint that glorifies the Lord.

Lunch & Snacks. Each student will need to bring his or her own lunch, snacks and drinks each day. Please do not send money with your child to purchase lunch as we cannot guarantee that there will be concessions or food available for purchase at our location every day. There will be drinking fountains where they can re-fill a water bottle throughout the day.

Sun Protection & Hydration. Your children must be prepared to spend the majority, if not all, of the day outdoors in the Florida sun. Please have them bring sunscreen and a full water bottle to stay hydrated during the day. They may also want to wear a hat and sunglasses for further sun protection.

Modesty. It is recommended that students wear their swim suits under their clothes. Please ensure that your students' swimsuits are appropriately modest as it is our intention to glorify the Lord through our actions and behavior during all Saltwater Studies summer camp activities. Female students must wear a modest, one-piece swimsuit or tankini. One piece swimsuits or tankinis that display cleavage, a young lady's bottom, or include cut-outs or string-ties are not considered to be modest. Two piece swimsuits or tankinis that display any portion of the stomach or back when standing or swimming may be worn only if covered by a dark t-shirt or rash guard and shorts. When in doubt, wear a shirt! It will also help with sun protection. Male students must wear modest swim trunks that fit their waists and will not sag or fall down.

Cancellation Policy. This Summer Camp must have a minimum of five (5) students. If the Summer Camp is canceled due to low attendance all monies will be refunded. If the Summer Camp is canceled due to weather, all monetary payments in excess of a \$50 registration fee will be returned. If the student elects to cancel up to one week prior to the start of Summer Camp, all monetary payments in excess of the registration fee will be returned. There will be no refunds for any cancelations made within one week of the start of Summer Camp.

WHAT TO EXPECT AT A SALTWATER STUDIES EVENT

Prayer. Every Saltwater Studies class or field trip begins with prayer. At Saltwater Studies we recognize that the Lord is in control of His Creation. While we spend a large amount of time planning for the best event possible, it is the Lord who controls the logistics, including the weather and all marine life encountered. As such, we invite the Lord to reign over our events, bless them and ask Him to open the eyes of everyone participating so that they can see evidence of Him in all that He has made.

Scripture. Saltwater Studies incorporates biblical references in all its lectures and discussions to establish a Christ-centered focus for its events.

Scientific Information. Saltwater Studies professionals are knowledgeable in all aspects of the marine environment. Each Saltwater Studies event offers a wealth of scientific information presented from a biblical worldview. Participants are also encouraged to ask questions throughout the presentations to facilitate an interactive experience.

Worship. Saltwater Studies believes that interaction with Creation provides an opportunity for worship as we appreciate the Creator for all that He has made.

Thanksgiving. The Lord knows the hearts, minds, likes and interests of every person participating in a Saltwater Studies event. Oftentimes during Saltwater Studies' field trips, participants will see an aspect of Creation that they particularly enjoy. At the conclusion of the Saltwater Studies event, participants are led in a time of thanksgiving, praising the Lord for His blessings experienced during the event.