

Sea Camp 2023 Information Packet!



Meals

- All meals are provided.
- Dining will be at various locations, such as TAMUG's cafeteria, poolside, restaurants and beaches.
- Snacks are available for purchase at various locations on campus
- Campers are allowed to bring snacks to camp, however please consider peanut & tree nut allergies when choosing snacks for sharing.



Housing

- Campers will reside in Oceans Hall on campus. Rooms are supplied with basic furniture and do not include amenities such as mini fridges or microwaves.
- Typically there are two campers to a room, four campers to a suite. Your camper will have one roommate and the two of them will share a bathroom with two other campers.
- Great care goes into assigning rooms. Rooms are assigned by camp, gender, and age and/or roommate request. Roommate requests of a different gender or campers registered for a different camp program will not be honored.



Electronics

- Cell phones & electronics must be left in the camper's room during the day.
- Electronics are allowed in dorm rooms, but are the responsibility of the owner.
- A camp phone is available to campers in the dorm office for needed calls home, if a cell phone is unavailable.
- Though much of the campus is wireless, students will be very busy and will not have access to internet the majority of camp.



Recreation

- During the day campers will be on their marine biology related activities, in the evenings they have recreation programs they can choose from.
- Campers will have various evening activities including optional fishing, art programs, movies, games, and pool time.



Discipline

- There is ZERO tolerance for alcohol, drug, weapons, or tobacco and vapor products.
- Campers are expected to follow all campus rules/regulations and respect university property and facilities. Parents will be billed for any damages.
- Campers will be sent home for any behavior that is unacceptable to Sea Camp staff.
- **Campers will not engage in inappropriate verbal, physical, or sexual conduct directed toward an other person, whether camper, volunteer or staff.**
- Specific guidelines will be given during opening ceremonies.
- Parents will NOT receive a refund if camper is sent home for inappropriate behavior.
- Campers sent home for inappropriate or disruptive behavior will not be allowed to return for a period of 3 months to 1 year depending on the offense. A recommendation letter written by a principal must be provided to return to camp.



Create Memories

At Sea Camp our amazing counselors are our photographers! This way we can get great photos of your kids while they focus on experiencing camp!

A week before camp you will be provided a link that will allow you to access photos through a website as they are uploaded so you can stay connected during the week!

Albums are divided between camp dates and programs. Please keep in mind that our team is first and foremost focused on providing your camper with quality programs and activities.



Camper Mail

You may drop off camper mail at check in with the Sea Camp Office. Please organize by labeling camper mail by camper and by date.

E-mail you camper during camp!

Parents may send camper e-mails throughout the week to let them know you are thinking about them!

Camper Mail will be printed at 3:00 p.m. each day and delivered to their room at lights out.

When e-mailing please include the camper's name in the subject line along with the camp they are attending. (Please do not send photos in your e-mails, e-mails are printed in black and white)

The email address is : campermail@tamug.edu

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General Packing List

- > Summer Clothes (Shorts, T-shirts, hat's, ext.)
- > Appropriate Swimsuits: two-piece suits are allowed as long as they are modestly cut. No thong or cheeky bottoms. No speedos.
- > Re-usable Water bottle
- > Sandals or flip-flops
- > Lace up sneakers for outdoor activities
- > Old/inexpensive pair of lace-up sneakers that can get dirty.
- > Sweatshirt for air conditioned buildings
- > Pillow / Pillow case
- > Sleeping bag or twin bedding.
- > Beach towels, bath towel, wash cloths, etc.
- > Hand Soap & Shampoo
- > Detergent. Laundry is located on the first floor free of cost to campers if needed.
- > Alarm Clock
- > Insect Repellent
- > Sunscreen
- > 2 Plain white t-shirts to decorate at camp
- > Light weight fishing rod and reel, if interested in optional fishing. (we have a limited number of rods)
- > Optional: hammock



Money

- Quarters and small bills are handy for snacks and drink machines.
- Campers will visit historical downtown Galveston & shop for souvenirs
- Campers will have access to the TAMUG gift shop.



Travel

- Check-in time at Sea Camp is between 2-4 pm on Sunday. Dinner is served between 4:30-5:30pm.
- Campers may be picked up after Friday night closing ceremonies. Ceremonies will take place at 6 or 7 depending on the camp. You will receive your campers ceremony time at drop off.
- Parents may also pick up campers anytime on Saturday morning, but no later than 11am.

Driving Directions from Houston: Take I-45 South from Houston to Galveston. Continue into Galveston until I-45 becomes Broadway. All cross streets will be numbered. Turn Left on 51st Street. Continue on 51st Street over drawbridge. Texas A&M University at Galveston is located on the right after the bridge. Signs will be visible.



Flight Information

Arrivals

- Flight arrival times need to be made between 10 am - 1:30 pm on Sundays
- A Sea Camp representative will be on site to meet arrivals at Houston-Hobby Airport. Please contact the office to make pick up arrangements or sign up using the online portal.
- Arrivals at Bush Intercontinental Airport will meet the Galveston Limousine Shuttle for the trip to the Dorm Office. Please make sure you make reservations with Galveston Limousine Service (409) 744-5466.
- > CAMPERS FLYING TO CAMP: if you are flying to camp we have bedding you can use in the Sea Camp Office. This option is only for those flying as we have a limited number of linens.

Departures

- Flight departure times need to be arranged between 9:00am-11:30 am on Saturday.
- A Sea Camp representative will be escorting campers to Houston-Hobby Airport and assisting them with check-in. Please contact the office to make pick up arrangements.
- Departures at Bush Intercontinental Airport will be placed on the Galveston Limousine Shuttle for the trip to the Airport. They will be responsible for their own check-in at the Airport. Please make sure you make return reservations for Galveston Limousine Service at (409) 744-5466.

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Coastal Ecology Packing List

We are very excited to spend a week with your camper exploring multiple marine environments around Galveston! We wanted to include a few extra packing items based on students specific camp program!

- Binoculars: students will have an opportunity to view coastal marine birds. Binoculars will allow them to get a great view for identification.
- Salt marsh: Seining in the salt marsh is a great way to see the different types of fish and invertebrates that live around the island. Those old tennis shoes will be very helpful on this field trip. Lace up shoes are a must. We do not allow open toed shoes like sandals, crocks, or keens due to oyster reefs. Rubber boots are not allowed as we go in water up to our waist. Students will wear swimsuits under light weight clothing.
- Fishing: Campers will get to fish on the pier and also have optional fishing. We do provide rods, bait, and tackle, however if your camper wants their own rod please bring yours.

We can't wait to meet our campers! If you have any questions about camp please feel free to call us in the business office at 409-740-4525.

Thanks and Gig'em!

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