



Sea Camp 2023 Information Packet!

Welcome to Sea Camp!

We are excited about our upcoming summer full of science, exploration, and adventure. The Sea Camp staff has been working hard to make 2023 another successful year. Your camper will learn through the many “hands-on” activities provided by Texas A&M University at Galveston.

Please complete, sign, and return the forms included in this packet by mail. **DO NOT FAX OR EMAIL YOUR FORMS.** These forms and the remaining balance for your chosen camp are due in our office **NO LATER THAN MAY 1st.** Balances may be paid online with a credit card through our online registration system or via check made out to Sea Camp and mailed to our business office.

Please note that one form needs to be notarized. Make sure you give yourself enough time to accomplish this and return the information to the Sea Camp Office.

Please Mail Completed Packet to:
Sea Camp

P.O. Box 1675
Galveston, TX 77553-1675

If you have any questions or comments, please call, or email our office. See you this summer!



Business Office

Hours: 8am-5pm M-F

Phone: 409-740-4525

Fax: (409) 740-4894

www.tamug.edu/seacamp

Email: seacamp@tamug.edu

Mailing Address:

Sea Camp

P.O. Box 1675

Galveston TX, 77553-1675

Overnight and Certified Mail Address:

Sea Camp

1001 Texas Clipper Rd.
Galveston TX 77554

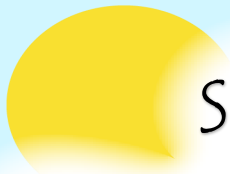


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Packing List

- > Passport!
- > Summer Clothes (Shorts, T-shirts, Swimsuit)
- > Sandals or flip-flops
- > Closed toe shoes
- > Pants and shorts
- > Toiletries
- > Backpack
- > Beach towel
- > Optional shampoo. Will be provided by the Soltis Center and Hotel.
- > Swim Suits (appropriate swim wear, no thong or cheeky bottoms)

Check List (Field)

- > Sunblock
- > Hiking shoes/walking shoes
- > Sandals with straps or water shoes are recommended for in the waterfall.
- > Long pants (2)
- > Hat
- > Water bottle
- > Rain jacket or poncho
- > Flashlight (night hike)
- > Camera
- > Insect repellent



Money

- > Money for snack and laundry service. (\$6 USD a bag at the Soltis center)
- > Money for souvenirs in Costa Rica. (USD)



Travel

- Check-in time at Sea Camp is between 11:30am-12:00 pm on Fri. Dinner will be served after orientation.
- It is recommended that a parent or family member attend camp orientation after camper check in. Camp orientation 12:00pm.
- There are signs on campus directing you to the appropriate place.

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

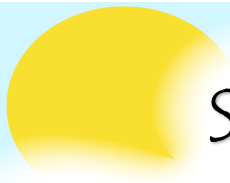
Arrivals

- Flight arrival times need to be made early morning 10:00 am on Fri to ensure on time arrival on campus.
- A Sea Camp representative will be on site to meet arrivals at Houston-Hobby Airport
- Arrivals at Bush Intercontinental Airport will meet the Galveston Limousine Shuttle for the trip to Sea Camp Office. Please make sure you make reservations with Galveston Limousine Service (409) 744-5466.

Departures

Campers are due to arrive at Houston Hobby Airport at 5:15PM Parents/Guardians will meet their children at Baggage Claim or have a flight booked through Houston Hobby Airport.





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Meals

- All meals are provided during camp!



Housing

- Housing will be provided by Soltis Research and Education Center and Costa Verde Hotel.
- All bedding will be provided.



Electronics

- Electronics are allowed, but are the responsibility of the owner.
- Cell Phones may not have a signal in this remote area.
- Sea Camp will have an emergency cell phone and will have constant communication with our business office.

Camper Communication:

- During the campers week abroad we will have constant communication with the Sea Camp Coordinator.
- We will try our best to post photos on our Facebook Page with updates during the week of camp.



Discipline

- There is a ZERO tolerance for alcohol, drug, weapons, or tobacco and vaper 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 will be flown home at the parents expense should they disrespect camp rules in Costa Rica.
- All rules in the United States will be followed, this includes the consumption of alcohol, and tattoos.



Create Memories

- Photos will be uploaded to our photo service when campers return.
- Camp employees will send the office photos and updates to the camp office when able and we will make sure to post them on the SmugMug album.





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Additional Requirements:

- A valid, current picture ID is required.
- A copy of your Passport must be emailed to Sea Camp by April 15th AND you MUST bring your passport with you to Sea Camp.
- Photo Services – Photos will not be available until the program is over. We will post them once the counselors return. Each account will receive a link to view photos.

THE "PERMISSION FOR A MINOR TO TRAVEL" IS A FORM THAT REQUIRES NOTARIZATION. ALL PAPERWORK IS DUE BACK INTO THE SEA CAMP OFFICE NO LATER THAN May 1st, 2023.

Arrival and departure dates and times – You will need to arrive at the Texas A&M University at Galveston Campus on Friday, June 23rd between 11:30a.m. and 12:00p.m.

Friday, June 23 will be your travel day. You will leave Texas A&M University at Galveston around 1 PM and travel to Houston Hobby Airport.

Sea Camp Costa Rica is scheduled to depart from Hobby at 5:10 PM on Southwest Airlines. You will arrive in San Jose, Costa Rica at 7:40 PM. There is no meal provided on the flight.

Saturday, July 1 is your return to the Houston Area. You will flying on Southwest Airlines. You will depart San Jose, Costa Rica at 12:30p.m.. You will arrive at Houston Hobby Airport at 5:15 PM. Parents/Guardians will be able to pick you up from baggage claim. If your camper is flying out, you may make your flight reservations for any time after 7:00p.m. at Houston Hobby Airport.

Medications – All medications should be clearly labeled with the individuals name and dosage.

Luggage - Each Camper can bring only one checked luggage bag no heavier than 50lbs and one carry on bag. Campers meeting other flights when returning home can be escorted to the boarding gate by Sea Camp personnel.

Rules:

- **NO adventuring off unsupervised.**
 - **Respect all other campers and property.**
 - **Failure to comply with the following two rules will result in immediate action of the camper being sent home with no refund at the expense of the camper family.**
1. **Alcohol, Drug and Tobacco policy:** There is a **Zero Tolerance Policy** for any use of alcohol, drugs, or tobacco products. Note – Regardless of age, there is no alcohol consumption while with Sea Camp.
 2. **Male and Female Campers:** Males and females are not allowed at any time of the day or night to be in bedrooms without adult supervision.



**Sea Camp Costa Rica Coordinator
– Chris Mahendran**

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Seacamp@tamug.edu

Transportation:

July 19-Arrive at Texas A&M University at Galveston for check in between 11:30am-12:00p.m. If a camper is flying into Houston Hobby they will be picked up by Sea Camp to bring them to Galveston for an extra \$35 charge. Sign up for the camper shuttle can be made through your online registration portal. If the camper is flying into Bush Intercontinental they will need to make reservations with Galveston Limousine Services (409) 744-5466. We do not recommend flying from IAH after arrival since there is not a connecting shuttle between the two airports.

June 23 - Travel to San Jose, Costa Rica

Southwest Airlines #112

Depart Houston Hobby

5:10 pm

Arrive San Jose

7:40 pm

July 1 - Arrive from San Jose, Costa Rica

Southwest #1203

Depart San Jose

12:35p.m.

Arrive Houston Hobby

5:15p.m.

Parents/Guardians you may pick up your camper at baggage claim, or have a confirmed flight out of Houston Hobby after 7:00p.m. on July 1.

Each Camper can bring only one checked luggage bag and one carry on bag.



Texas A&M University at Galveston
Educational Outreach
2023

PERMISSION FOR A MINOR TO TRAVEL TO San Jose, Costa Rica
THIS FORM MUST BE NOTARIZED

I hereby grant permission to _____,

age _____ years, who is my child, and who was born at _____

on date _____, to make a tourist visit to San Jose, Costa Rica

_____ will be accompanied by Christopher Mahendran

from the United States to San Jose, Costa Rica on the June 23, 2023 and return to

United States on date July 1st, 2023 _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Signature of Parent or Guardian

Notary Public in and for the County of

State of _____



WAIVER, INDEMNIFICATION, AND MEDICAL TREATMENT AUTHORIZATION FORM

1. EXCULPATORY CLAUSE. In consideration for receiving permission to visit and participate in any and all activities of the Soltis Center for Research and Education in Costa Rica (herein referred to as "The Center"), which is sponsored by the _____ at Texas A&M University (herein referred to as "Sponsor"), a member of The Texas A&M University System, I hereby release, waive, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes Sponsor, The Texas A&M University System, the Board of Regents for The Texas A&M University System, and their members, officers, servants, agents, volunteers, or employees, the Soltis Center for Research and Education, Casa Verde Research Center, S.A., and their legal representatives, directors, officer, agents and employees (herein referred to as RELEASEES or INDEMNITEES) from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by me while participating in such activity, while traveling to and from the activity, or while on the premises owned or leased by RELEASEES, including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, or strict liability of RELEASEES. I understand this waiver does not apply to injuries caused by intentional or grossly negligent conduct.

2. INDEMNITY CLAUSE. I am fully aware that there are inherent risks to myself and others involved with this activity, which involves inherent risks related to Biological Conservation Stations in a remote tropical rain forest. These risks may include, but are not limited to, property damage and bodily injury including death. I may be exposed to dangerous conditions, risks and hazards, such as steep and slippery trails, rough terrain, poisonous snakes and frogs, insects, spiders and wild animals. Activities may also include activities outside the Center which involve the addition of inherent risks related to traveling in a foreign country, including, but not limited to, car accidents, property damage and bodily injury including death, I may be exposed to dangerous conditions, risks and hazards, such as steep and slippery road, and rough terrain, among other risks. I choose to voluntarily participate in said activity with full knowledge that the activity may be hazardous to me and my property, and to the person and property of others. I acknowledge there may be physically strenuous activities. I know of no medical reason why I should not participate. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless INDEMNITEES from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, which may occur to myself, other participants, and third-persons as a result of my participation in said activity, including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, or strict liability of INDEMNITEES.

3. NO INSURANCE. I understand that RELEASEES do not maintain any insurance policy covering any circumstance arising from my participation in this activity or any event related to that participation. As such, I am aware that I should review my personal insurance coverage. Sponsor does not carry general liability insurance to cover claims arising from this activity so it seeks a waiver of claims as additional consideration for the right to participate so sponsor, a governmental unit of the State of Texas, can (a) provide the activity at the lowest possible cost to participants; and (b) provide access to a greater number of participants by expending limited resources on program materials rather than on liability insurance.

4. BINDS HEIRS. It is my express intent that this agreement shall bind the members of my family and spouse, if I am alive, and my heirs, assigns and personal representatives, if I am deceased, and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

5. MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION, INDEMNITY FOR MEDICAL EXPENSES, and WAIVER. I understand RELEASEES cannot be expected to control all of the risks articulated in this form and RELEASEES may need to respond to accidents and potential emergency situations. Therefore, I hereby

at the medical facility, during my participation in this activity with the understanding that the cost of any such treatment will be my responsibility. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless INDEMNITEES for any costs incurred to treat me, even if an INDEMNITEE has signed hospital documentation promising to pay for the treatment due to my inability to sign the documentation. I further agree to release, waive, discharge, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes, RELEASEES from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by me while receiving medical care or in deciding to seek medical care, including while traveling to and from a medical care facility, including injuries sustained as a result of the sole, joint, or concurrent negligence, negligence per se, statutory fault, or strict liability of RELEASEES. I understand this waiver does not apply to injuries caused by intentional or grossly negligent conduct.

6, VOLUNTARY SIGNATURE. In signing this agreement I acknowledge and represent that I have read it, understand it, and sign it voluntarily as my own free act and deed; RELEASEES or INDEMNITEES have not made and I have not relied on any oral representations, statements, or inducements apart from the terms contained in this agreement. I execute this document for full, adequate and complete consideration fully intending to be bound by the same, now and in the future. For students engaging in extracurricular activities: I understand I can choose not to sign this document and free myself from its terms and the associated risks of the activity by simply not participating in the activity and choosing some other activity available to me that has a lower level of risk to me. I further understand this is a voluntary, extracurricular activity; therefore it is not required for me to obtain college credits and not participating in this activity will in no way hinder my ability to obtain a degree from the university. For students going on fieldtrips or other class-related activities: I understand participation in this class/fieldtrip/activity is not mandatory and I will not be penalized for failing to participate in this activity because an alternative activity exists for which I can receive like credit. While I understand alternative activities are available to me that do not have the risks associated with this activity I still desire to voluntarily engage in this activity.

SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT INVOLVES THE WAIVER OF VALUABLE LEGAL RIGHTS. CONSULT YOUR ATTORNEY BEFORE SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT,

SIGNED this _____ day of _____ 20____

Participant Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Participant's Date of Birth: _____

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____

(If Participant is under 18 years old)

Parent or Legal Guardian Printed Name: _____