

A woman and two children are looking into an aquarium tank. The woman, in the center, is wearing a blue polo shirt and has her hands on the glass. To her left is a young boy in a teal polo shirt, and to her right is a young girl in a grey sweater. They are all smiling and looking at the tank. The tank contains various marine life, including purple tangs and coral. The background shows the interior of the aquarium with metal racks and bright lights.

Ocean Explorers

Summer Camp Guide 2023

The logo for SEA LIFE Charlotte-Concord. The word "SEA" is in large white capital letters, followed by a small orange starfish icon, and then "LIFE" in large white capital letters. Below this, "Charlotte-Concord" is written in a smaller white font.

SEA LIFE
Charlotte-Concord

Ocean Explorers

Grades 1-5

Mondays–Thursdays

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. **\$140 per week**

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. **\$140 per week**

June 12-15

Totally Turtles

Have you met Neptune or Beasley? Join us at the aquarium for a 4 day experience where we explore one of our favorite reptiles, sea turtles! We will do a deep dive into the biology, ecology and conservation of sea turtles and their freshwater cousins and learn about how we take care of our two rescued Green Sea Turtles, Neptune, and Beasley. There will be crafts, games, stories and much more.

June 19-22

Radical Rays

Summer is here, so come cool off at the aquarium with our sting rays! In camp this week we will learn more about these fascinating fish—what makes them flat, why they swim the way they do, what they eat, and how we can be good caretakers for the oceans they call home. We will play games, create crafts, and explore the exciting world of rays together.

June 26-29

Creature Features

Do lionfish roar? Are eels just undersea snakes? What is a group of jellies called? These are just a few of the questions we will explore as we do a deep dive into these fascinating fishes and friends over four fun sessions. We will learn more about featured creatures as we make crafts, play games, and become advocates for these mysterious animals and their undersea home.

July 10-13

Sea of Sharks

Ah a Shark! Well actually, we have 9 species of them who live in the aquarium! During this camp experience, children will learn about four of the world's seas (Atlantic, Pacific, Caribbean and Indian) and the sharks that call these oceans (and our aquarium!) home. We will explore how sharks find their food, navigate the currents, and what we can do to help keep them safe. Crafts, games, and a lot of fun shark facts!



July 17-20

Turtle Trackers

What is the life cycle of a sea turtle, and why do they find plastic bags so tempting as a snack? This camp will explore all things turtles with a focus on their fascinating long-distance migrations and incredible journeys these reptiles undertake during their lifetimes. We will also discuss what makes a sea turtle unique from their cousins (terrapins, freshwater turtles, and tortoises), their natural history, and how human interactions are affecting their lives in the sea. Through interactive projects, observation, and crafts, campers will deepen their appreciation and understanding for these animals.

July 24-27

Stingray Scientists

What makes a stingray different from a shark, and in what ways are they alike? There are several species of stingrays that call the aquarium home, and we will discover answers to those questions and more over the course of this four-afternoon camp. Campers will use interactive experiments, artifacts, and projects to learn about rays and their biology hands-on and exercise their creativity with fun crafts and games.

July 31– August 3

Shark Squad

Did somebody say Sharks?! Shark week is here, and we are totally pumped for a jaw-some camp filled with a week of FINTastic fun! Our campers will balance fun with education as we do a deep dive into what makes sharks such amazing animals, their unique adaptations and all the ways we can help protect them. We will explore and observe firsthand with the 9 types of sharks that call the aquarium home! Come join the squad, have some shark fun, play games, and celebrate some of the ocean's most misunderstood creatures.



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Registration Information

Registration Process

Register online only.

Full payment must be made at the time of registration.

Emergency medical forms will be available online starting in May and must be completed no later than one week prior to the start of Camp.

Campers must be the age level that is designated for the Camp.

Wait Lists

When a camp session sells out, you may join a Wait List.

When a space in a camp session becomes available, we will contact the first person on the list by phone. If we do not reach a live person, who is ready to reserve the available camp at that moment, then we will immediately move on to the next person on the list.

To be added to a wait list send an email to slchaguest.relations@sealifeus.com with the subject line "Wait List". In the body of the email list the full name of the camper, the camp session you are interested in and if there is a second choice.

Cancellation Policy

Camps with low enrollment are subject to cancellation. Sea Life Charlotte-Concord will make this determination three weeks prior to the start of a session. If a Camp is cancelled due to low enrollment, you will be notified and given the opportunity to select another Camp (based on availability) or receive a refund.

If you need to cancel any summer camp enrollment—for any reason—you must notify us in

writing by 5:00 P.M. on May 1st, 2023, to receive a refund of camp tuition—minus the cancellation fee.

The cancellation fee for a week of camp is \$40. Cancellation fees are per session and per child.

Cancellation requests, for any reason, made after 5:00 p.m. on May 1st will not be eligible for a refund.

Missed days of camp are not eligible for a refund and cannot be applied to any other camp session.

Cancellation requests must be emailed to slchaguest.relations@sealifeus.com with the subject line "Camp Cancellation Request." In the body of the email include the full name of the person who made the registration and the order number/s. If you have multiple camps booked on the same order, specify the week/s and the corresponding grade level/s of the camps you are wanting to cancel. You will receive an email confirmation once the cancellation has been processed; this could take up to two business days.

Essential Functions of a Summer Camp Participant

A child must have the following capabilities to participate in Summer Camp at Sea Life Charlotte-Concord:

Be able to move independently from one location to another.

Take care of their own personal needs.

Be potty trained and able to use the restroom unassisted.

Have effective interactions in a group-based environment (including pair work, group projects, etc.)

Abide by the code of conduct and behavior guidelines.

If a camper is not able to abide by the code of conduct and behavior guidelines they will be asked to leave camp and no refund will be given.

All campers must be within the age requirement of the camp *Entering first grade through just finishing fifth grade.*

Drop Off and Pick Up Policy

Morning drop-off time is 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

PM drop off time is 12:45 p.m. – 1 p.m.

All campers must be picked up on time. Pick up times are:

AM: 12 pm – 12:15 p.m.

PM: 4 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.

Late pick-ups (any time after the designated time slot) are subject to a \$50 late fee. Consistent late pick-ups are grounds for dismissal from the program.

Snacks

All campers should bring 1 snack.

All snacks must be nut-free for the safety of all campers.

All campers should bring an easy-to-open-and-close refillable water bottle.

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