



OFI Virtual Marine Science Summer Camps

FAQs:

- Camps will be facilitated via Zoom and supported by Slack. Ocean First Institute's team is highly experienced in administering virtual webinars, classes, and discussions. We take safety seriously, ensuring that all our virtual camp experiences are accessible only to registered campers.
- Our program leaders and counselors are highly experienced in the virtual education field, and committed to ensuring that the camp experience remains engaging, community-oriented, and both socially and educationally positive for any child. Staff will undergo additional training prior to camp sessions to ensure a smoothly run and interactive virtual environment.
- Upon registration, families will be provided with a virtual welcome packet that includes an introductory video, detailed instructions on the use of Zoom and other online platforms, and helpful tips for making the most of your virtual camp experience.
- For all camps, OFI will provide a supplies kit containing nearly everything you need to facilitate all your at-home ocean discovery activities! If you don't have 3D printed wind turbines, the ingredients for edible water-bottles, or pH testing strips on hand, don't worry! Kits are available for pickup 10 days before the start of camp or may be sent in the mail to your address (additional shipping fee applies).
- Camp members will be sent camp descriptions after registering (or may inquire before signing up) with details on any additional household materials needed for activities (items such as ice, bowls, towels, etc.).
- Campers will spend between **1.5-2 hours per day** interacting LIVE with our staff, counselors, and other guest speakers. This will include a **First Session** (9am or 12:30pm, depending on whether you have registered for a morning or afternoon camp), a **Snack Time Check in** with visitors, ocean-themed yoga, tropical music, and time to chat with our staff and counselors, and a **Last Session** (11:30am or 3:00pm).

- Campers will also be provided with **1-1.5 hours per day of offline activities** that encourage physical movement, time (safely) outside, and hands-on activities. These activities can range from making playdough in your kitchen to trolling for plankton in your local creek. We are attuned to the unique needs of every family and will ensure every activity has options for different living situations and access to outdoor places.
- Due to the unique circumstances surrounding materials distribution and virtual classroom access, OFI is unable to offer refunds or transfers for virtual programs.
- Registration for all camps will close one and a half weeks before the camp begins to allow time to create the supply kits and pick up (or ship).
- All campers will require a computer, tablet, or smart phone that has a webcam, mic, speakers, and internet access to attend virtual camps.
- To register, please fill out a registration form and email it to lauren@oceanfirstinstitute.org. Once the registration form is received, an email will be sent out with a link to handle payment online.
- For any questions, please email lauren@oceanfirstinstitute.org or call (303) 956-7885.