
Marine Science Academy 2018-2019 Schedule

Saturday, October 13th, 9:00am – 11:00 am

- Orientation Day
Introduction LMC and sea turtles. Students will hear an overview of the monthly MSA meet-ups, expectations for volunteer hours and service projects. Students will attend a Marine Conservation presentation and participate in activities to learn more about different facets of marine conservation.
- Volunteer opportunities
Monthly Beach Clean-up – 10/20
Turtleween – 10/20

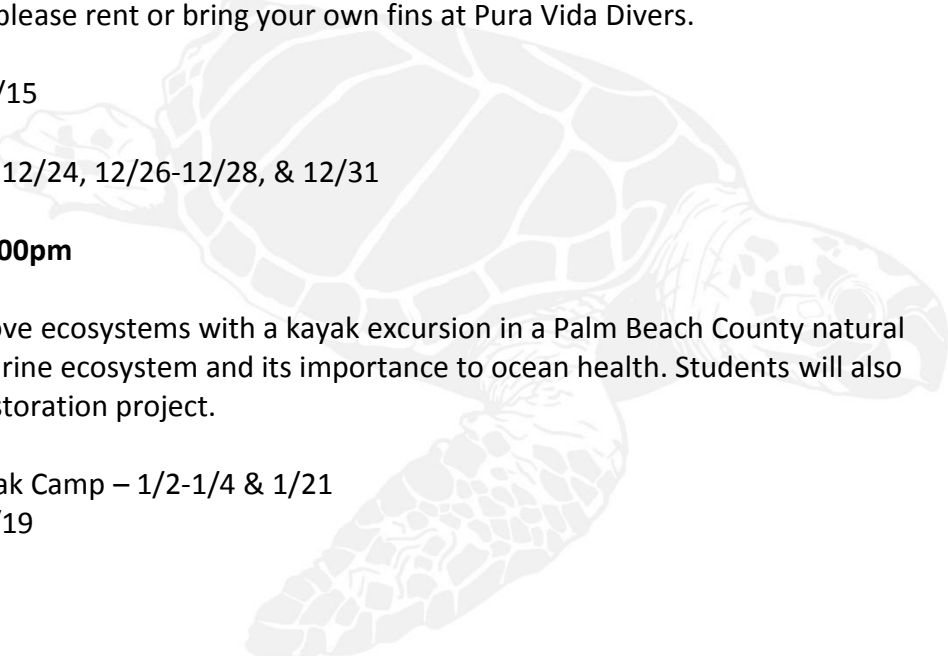
Saturday, November 17th, 10:00am – 12:00pm

- Gopher Tortoise Habitat and Population Survey
Students will learn to conduct a population survey in the Florida scrub habitat within Loggerhead Park with a goal of identifying, tagging and measuring gopher tortoises. Advanced technology will help students identify commensal species, burrow activity and observational studies during this activity.
- Volunteer opportunities
Monthly Beach Clean-up – 11/17
Sea Turtle Savers Mini Camp – 11/19-11/23
Blue Friday – 11/23

Sunday, December 9th, 8:00am – 10:00am

- Species Counts at Phil Foster Park – Blue Heron Bridge
Students will learn about South Florida's fish species and go for a snorkel to conduct species counts along the Blue Heron Bridge snorkel trail.
*Snorkel and mask provided, please rent or bring your own fins at Pura Vida Divers.
- Volunteer opportunities
Monthly Beach Clean-up – 12/15
SEASONAL CELEBRATION – 12/15
Sea Turtle Savers Day Camp – 12/24, 12/26-12/28, & 12/31

Saturday, January 12th, 9:00am – 12:00pm

- Kayaking & Conservation
Students will explore mangrove ecosystems with a kayak excursion in a Palm Beach County natural area to learn about the estuarine ecosystem and its importance to ocean health. Students will also participate in a mangrove restoration project.
 - Volunteer opportunities
Sea Turtle Savers Winter Break Camp – 1/2-1/4 & 1/21
Monthly Beach Clean-up – 1/19
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Saturday, February 16th, 10:00am – 12:00 pm

- Biodiversity of Coastal Ecosystems
Students will measure biodiversity while snorkeling and using scientific instruments such as transects, quadrats, and dive slates at Coral Cove Park in the sea grass bed ecosystem of the intracoastal waterway near Jupiter Island. Students will also gather data on marine species at the beach and learn about the rocky intertidal habitat.
- Volunteer opportunities
Monthly Beach Clean-up – 2/16

Saturday, March 16th, 6:00pm – 9:00pm

- Leatherback Nesting Excursion
Students will attend a presentation about leatherback sea turtle nesting and research at LMC and get the opportunity to go out on the beach to do leatherback nest checks with the LMC Research team.
- Volunteer opportunities
Monthly Beach Clean-up – 3/16
Turtlefest – 3/23
Sea Turtle Savers Spring Break Camp – 3/18-3/22

Saturday, April 13th, 3:00pm – 5:00pm

- Graduation Celebration at LMC
Students will present their service projects they have implemented over the course of the year, and we will celebrate new friends and knowledge with food and fun!
- Volunteer opportunities
Monthly Beach Clean-up – 4/20
Sea Turtle Savers Day Camp – 4/19

Summer volunteer opportunities

- CIT Program “Counselor In Training”
- Summer Internship opportunities
- World Oceans Day
- Marinelifelife Day
- Beach Clean-ups (3rd Saturday of each month)

This schedule may change at any time depending on weather or other unforeseen challenges.

