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Protecting the Indian River Lagoon through Education

Dear volunteer,

Thank you for considering volunteering with the Marine Discovery Center Adventure Camp Program. Each year the Marine Discovery Center provides hands-on, feet-wet Marine Science programs to over 4000 students. Without the support of volunteers like you, this would never be possible. Through commitment, passion and enthusiasm, volunteers assist the Marine Discovery Center in our mission to protect and restore Florida's Coastal Ecosystems through education, research and community stewardship.

The packet that accompanies this letter will provide you with more details about the Marine Discovery Center Adventure Camp Volunteer Program. We will have **2 Camp Volunteer Orientation and Training sessions**. These sessions will occur on **May 4, 2011, 5:30-7PM and May 21, 2011, 10-12PM**. If you **did not** attend a camp orientation last year (2010), you **must** attend one of these sessions in order to become eligible to volunteer for our camp programs.

Please email or call us if you have any questions about this packet.

We look forward to working with you.

Explore Your Water.

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2011 Adventure Camp Volunteer Program

Checklist for Marine Discovery Center Volunteers

In order to become a Marine Discovery Center volunteer, the following items need to be completed:

1. You must attend one of the Education Volunteer Orientation and Training sessions below.
RSVP to chad@marinediscoverycenter.org.
 - May 4, 2011: 5:30PM-7PM
 - May 21, 2011: 10AM-11:30AM

* If you completed an Education Volunteer Orientation and Training session in 2010, you **do not** need to attend a session this year.
2. Print this packet and bring the completed packet to your Education Volunteer Orientation and Training Meeting.
3. Purchase an MDC Volunteer T-shirt for \$10.
4. A Criminal Background Check conducted by Marine Discovery Center Staff (At our discretion, the Marine Discovery Center has the right to reject any volunteer if criminal violations are found).
5. References – Provide MDC with a list of 2 personal references.

Note

- To volunteer with the Loggerhead and Leatherback camps you must be at least 15 years old.
- To volunteer with all other MDC camps, you must be at least 16 years old.
- All volunteers between the ages of 15-17 must commit for a minimum of 3 weeks (3 camp sessions), Mon-Friday from 8AM-3:30PM

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Orientation and Training Sessions
Meeting Agenda

The following items will be discussed during your orientation and training session. Please use this document to take notes.

SAFETY RULES AND PROCEDURES

- Dock
- Lab
- Classroom
- Parking Lot
- Boat
- Water/Islands
- Field Trips/Bus

ATTIRE

- Staff Shirts
- Shorts/Baggies

SCHEDULE

- 8AM-3:30PM
- June 6-August 19, 2011

REQUIREMENTS

- Age
- Good Behavior

Responsible

- Supervisory/Education Skills
- Reliability

PROCEDURES

- Accidents
- Behavior Issues/Altercations
- Abuse

Marine Discovery Center Contact Information

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Things to Remember:

1. Constantly count campers
2. Keep track of all MDC and camper supplies
3. Call Chad, Lou or Mark if you can't volunteer for a day that you're scheduled
4. Make sure campers ages 4-8 do not go in water deeper than their knees!
5. Make sure campers ages 7-12 do not go in water deeper than their waist!
6. Report any problems to Chad, Lou or Mark immediately – no matter how little.
7. Have Fun!

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(Please print clearly)

MEDICAL INFORMATION (Signature Required – must be completed by parent/guardian if under 18 years old)

In order to provide the best possible handling of certain situations, please complete the following medical information:

1. Does Volunteer:

- A) Have an allergy to insect stings: _____
If Yes, this must be discussed with program administrators before participation can begin
- B) Have an allergy to penicillin or particular serums?
If yes, please indicate which _____
- C) Have diabetes _____
- D) Have epilepsy? _____
- E) Have any other allergies or disabilities? _____
If yes, please describe _____
- F) Is there any other health condition that may affect the volunteer's participation in any part of the program? (mental/physical limitation or condition)? _____
If Yes, Please describe _____

2. NAME OF FAMILY PHYSICIAN _____
PHONE NUMBER _____
COMMENTS: _____

OTHER RELATIVES AND/OR NEIGHBORS WHO WILL ASSUME TEMPORARY CARE OF YOUR CHILD IF YOU CANNOT BE REACHED.

- 1. NAME _____ PHONE _____
- 2. NAME _____ PHONE _____

I wish for the above minor to be allowed to participate in or be a spectator of the Marine Discovery Center Camp. In addition my child has permission to participate in the field trips on or off the Center's property. In case of accident or serious illness, I request that the Marine Discovery Center contact me. If the Marine Discovery Center is not able to reach me, I hereby authorize the Marine Discovery Center to call the physician indicated above and follow his instructions. If it is impossible to contact the physician or in an emergency situation, the Center may make whatever arrangements it deems necessary in its best judgment.

Signature of student _____ **Date** _____
Signature of parent/guardian _____ **Date** _____
(required if under 18 years old **and must be signed in the presence Chad or Lou**)

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Please **highlight** or underline T-shirt size:

Adult SM

Adult M

Adult L

Adult XL

Please **highlight** or underline the camps you are available for:

Loggerheads (ages 4 – 8)

May 31-June 3 / June 6-10 / June 13-17 / July 5-8 / July 11-15
July 25-29 / Aug 1-5 / Aug 15-19

Leatherbacks (ages 7 –10)

June 20-24 / June 27-July 1 / July 18-22 / Aug 8-12

Mangrove Maniacs (ages 9 –12)

May 31-June 3 / June 6-10 / July 5-8 / July 25-29 / Aug 1-5 / Aug 15-19

Eco- Explorers (ages 10 –14)

June 13-17/ June 20-24 / June 27-July 1 / July 11-15 / July 18-22

Lagoonys (ages 10 – 14)

June 13-17 / July 11-15

Aquatics Adventurers (ages 10 – 14)

July 18-22 / Aug 8-12

SCUBA (ages 12 – 16)

June 20-24 / June 27-July 1