Group Visits to FAU Harbor Branch

Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute is the northernmost campus of Florida Atlantic University. Our outreach department offers the following opportunities to learn about the important research that is being conducted by the institute’s marine scientists, engineers and students. These tours are available year-round to high school and college student groups. Advance reservations are required, for more information or to schedule a visit please contact Madeleine Arencibia at marencibia@fau.edu or 772-242-2344.

Tour the Ocean Discovery Visitors Center:

An hour-long experience that includes the following activities:

- A showing of the FAU Harbor Branch overview video
- An interpretive tour of the Center’s five research-themed exhibits:
  - Marine Drug Discovery
  - Aquaculture & Stock Enhancement
  - Marine Mammals
  - Marine Ecosystem Health
  - Ocean Engineering

This tour is available Tuesday through Saturday between 10 am and 3 pm for a maximum of 20 guests. Admission and guided tours are free, though donations are encouraged.

Tour the Research Campus:

A 1.5 hour-long experience that includes the following activities:

- A showing of the FAU Harbor Branch overview video
- A behind-the-scenes driving tour of the institute’s 144-acre campus:
  - History & Current Research Efforts
  - Johnson Sea Link Submersible
  - Scenic Waterfront Views
  - Indian River Lagoon Wildlife

This tour is available on Wednesdays at 10:30 am and can accommodate a maximum of 12 guests based on the capacity of our vehicles. The cost to attend is $15 per person.

Tour the Exploration Command Center

An hour long experience that includes the following activities:

- A showing of deep sea footage collected by a Remotely Operated Vehicle with the capability of diving to 19,000 feet
- A presentation from a scientist about deep sea habitats and animals as well as the technologies used for ocean exploration

Tour availability depends on the date and time requested. This experience can accommodate a maximum of 20 guests and the cost to attend is $200 per group.