Ocean Explorers Registration Form

Which Ocean Explorers Program are you signing up for?
- Lagoon Trekkers – May 14th
- Ocean Discovery – June 4th
- Marine Life, Big and Small – June 11th
- Deep Sea Discovery – June 25th

Child's Information
First: ____________________    Middle: ________    Last: ____________________
Gender: □ Male    □ Female
Birth date: ___/___/____    Age: _____
Street Address:__________________________________________________________
Town/City: ____________________    State: _____    Zip code: ______
Child’s Home Phone: ______________________

Parent/Guardian - Contact Information
First: ____________________    Last: ____________________
Ms. Mrs. Mr. Other: ______
Street Address:__________________________________________________________
Town/City: ____________________    State: _____    Zip code: ______
Home Phone: ____________________    Work Phone: ____________________
Cell phone: ____________________    E-mail: _____________________________

Designee Drop Off/Pick-Up Assignment
If you are unable to drop off or pick up your child, the designee that you list below may do so by giving program staff members their name and the password you designate below:
First Name: ____________________    Last Name: ____________________    Home Phone: __________
Relation to child: ____________________    Password: _____________________________
List any other information that you think would be valuable for program staff to be aware of that would make your
child’s day with us more enjoyable:
__________________________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________________

Please list any ADA accommodations that your child may need:
__________________________________________________________________________________________________
__________________________________________________________________________________________________

Clothing Sizes
Shirt Size: _____   Shoe Size: _____

Payments
Program fees may be paid by cash, check, Visa or Mastercard. To pay by credit card, please stop by or call the Ocean
Discovery Visitor’s Center. We are located at 5600 US Hwy 1, Fort Pierce, FL 34946, and our phone number is 772-242-
2293. Please make checks payable to: FAU Foundation/Harbor Branch. Please note that payment will be required to
complete registration and reserve your camper’s spot.

Cancellation
If your child is unable to attend, please provide at least 48-hour notice for a full refund. Any cancellations after the 48-
hour window will result in forfeit of program fees. Please contact us promptly if you need to cancel your registration.

Lunch
If you plan to have lunch provided for your child (additional $5.00), please check the appropriate box below.

Lunch options (choose one):
☐ Ham sandwich
☐ Turkey sandwich
☐ Veggie sandwich

Please note all lunches will be served with chips and fruit.

Program Fees:
$25 Registration Fee (per program)
Photo Release

I hereby give permission for my child to be photographed during the FAU Harbor Branch Ocean Explorers program. I understand the photos will be used to keep a journal of activities, reports to staff and donors, and for promotional purposes including flyers, brochures, newspaper and on the internet. I understand that although my child's photograph may be used for advertising, I do not expect compensation. I understand that all photos are the property of FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute.

Parent’s/Guardian’s Initials ____________

Transportation Release

I hereby give permission for the transportation of my child for official FAU Harbor Branch Ocean Explorer activities by modes of transportation agreed to by the program organizers.

Parent’s/Guardian’s Initials ____________

FAU Harbor Branch is not responsible for lost or damaged personal property. All scheduled events are subject to change. I understand that all program fees must be paid before registration is completed. I understand that all forms required by FAU Harbor Branch will be provided to me for my understanding and signature, and that these forms will be completed and signed no later than the start of the program my child(ren) is (are) being registered for. I understand that no fees will be refunded unless I give program staff at least forty-eight hours’ notice prior to the start of the program.

__________________________________________  __________________
Parent or Guardian Signature                     Date
PARTICIPANT’S HEALTH HISTORY AND PARENTS’ AUTHORIZATION FORM

PARENT/GUARDIAN: PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN. PLEASE ALSO BRING WITH YOU TO PROGRAM PROOF OF INSURANCE IF AVAILABLE. STAFF WILL MAKE A COPY OF THAT INFORMATION.

Participant Name: ___________________________ Birth Date: __________ Age: _______ Sex: M / F

Parent(s) / Guardian(s): ___________________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________ City: ______________ State: _______ Zip: ______________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Email: __________________________

Mother’s Day Phone: ___________________________ Father’s Day Phone: ___________________________

Emergency Contacts:

Name: ___________________________ Phone: __________________________ Relationship to Participant: ___________________________

Name: ___________________________ Phone: __________________________ Relationship to Participant: ___________________________

**HEALTH HISTORY**

**Allergies:**

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**Other Conditions (Please indicate frequency):**

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Operations or serious injuries / illnesses: ______________________________________________________

Chronic or Recurring Illness: _________________________________________________________________

Other Diseases or Detail of Above: _____________________________________________________________

Any activities to be restricted: _______________________________________________________________

Permission to administer over-the-counter medication: ____________________________________________

Parent Statement:

If I cannot be reached in the event of a medical emergency, I hereby give permission to the program coordinator or other program staff to provide routine health care; to administer medications; to order X-rays, routine tests, treatment; to release any records necessary for insurance purposes; and to provide or arrange necessary related transportation for me/or my child. In the event I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the program coordinator to secure and administer treatment, including hospitalization, for the person named above. This completed form may be photocopied.

_________________________ ________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian Date
Congratulations on becoming an FAU Harbor Branch Ocean Explorer!

Ocean Explorers are curious, adventurous and above all, they conduct themselves like all of the brave ocean explorers before them! At FAU Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute, we expect our explorers to uphold certain standards of behavior and safety.

**Parents**, please go over this Code of Conduct carefully with your explorer, then you and your explorer must sign at the bottom. Afterwards, please read the Policies and Procedures, as it contains very important information for your explorer to get the most out of his or her time at FAU Harbor Branch.

**Behavior**

1. **Explorers must never bully, maliciously tease, or hurt one another.** Exploring is a cooperative effort and requires many different types of people. Explorers will be expected to always treat everyone around them with respect. Put-downs about race, religion, physical characteristics, regional differences, language, ethnic and religious slurs and jokes, as well as foul language, will not be tolerated.

2. **Explorers must respect and take care of their property, the property of others, and the contents of the Ocean Explorers Backpacks.** Exploring means we often make use of scientific instruments, aquatic equipment, nets, notebooks and more. Some of these items need to be used by other Ocean Explorers in the future. Make sure to keep your gear clean and organized, and to not damage or disturb anyone else’s gear.

3. **Explorers must respect the natural environment and the animals within it.** Explorers will spend lots of time discovering animals and habitats in our oceans and rivers. Remember, the oceans and the rivers are the homes of many Florida animals, so explorers must always take care not to litter, not to touch or approach animals without Harbor Branch staff permission and supervision, and not to do anything that will disturb or destroy any of the habitats we will be exploring.

4. **Explorers must follow directions.** It will be important to follow the directions of Harbor Branch staff members who you are exploring with, in order to have a safe, fun day!

5. **Explorers must tell a staff member if there is a problem.** If an explorer gets injured during the program, sees another explorer doing something he or she shouldn’t be doing, isn’t feeling well, or if an explorer just needs to speak to an adult, the explorer needs to inform a Harbor Branch staff member. We can’t help if we don’t know something is wrong!

**Safety**

1. **Explorers must wear closed-toe shoes and water shoes during all activities.**

2. **Explorers must pay attention to their surroundings and use care in all activities.**

3. **Explorers will adhere to all safety rules and regulations for each activity he or she participates in.**

4. **Campers will wear a seat belt when traveling in any vehicle to and from locations on the Harbor Branch campus.**

**Especially for Parents:**
1. Parents need to inform Harbor Branch staff members of any issues or concerns pertaining to their child, preferably before the day of the program, so that staff can best meet the needs for his or her child.
2. Parents will drop off all required paperwork no later than the morning of the program before the program begins.
3. Parents will drop off their explorers on time in the morning, and will pick them up on time in the afternoon.
4. Parents will provide appropriate clothing and footwear for the program. Parents will also make sure their explorer has sunscreen, bug repellant, and any medication that needs to be administered on the day of the program. Please see the Health History and Parent’s Authorization Form for more information and to authorize staff.

EXPLORER’S PLEDGE
I have read the above information and agree to abide by the Code of Conduct for the Harbor Branch Ocean Explorers program(s). I understand that if I don’t adhere to these rules, it may result in my dismissal from this and any other Ocean Explorers program.

__________________________  ______________________
Explorer’s Signature         Date

PARENT OR GUARDIAN AGREEMENT
I have read the above information and have gone over the expectations of the Code of Conduct with my child. I agree to all of the above and understand that my or my child’s failure to adhere to these rules may result in my child’s dismissal from this and any other Ocean Explorers program.

__________________________  ______________________
Parent or Guardian Signature Date
RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS, EXPRESS
ASSUMPTION OF RISKS, AND HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

In consideration of my participation in the Ocean Explorers Camp located on or about the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute of Florida Atlantic University (the “Activity”) on or around , I hereby agree as follows:

I, _____________________________, for myself and my estate, heirs, administrators, executors, and assigns, hereby release and hold harmless the State of Florida, the Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees, the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University, the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute Foundation, Inc., and their respective trustees, officers, directors, employees, representatives, agents, and volunteers (collectively, the “Releasees”), from any and all liability and responsibility whatsoever, however caused, for any and all damages, claims, or causes of action that I, my estate, heirs, administrators, executors, or assigns may have for any loss, illness, personal injury, death, or property damage arising out of, connected with, or in any manner pertaining to the Activity, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise.

I fully understand that there are potential risks and hazards associated with the Activity, including, but not limited to, possible injury or loss of life. I further understand that while participating in the Activity, I will be interacting with persons, places or objects that are not associated with or under the control or supervision of the Releasees. Despite the potential risks and hazards associated with the Activity, I wish to proceed, and freely accept and assume all risks and hazards that may arise from my participation in the Activity and that could result in loss, illness, personal injury, death, or property damage, whether caused by the negligence of Releasees or otherwise.

I further hereby agree to defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Releasees from any judgment, settlement, loss, liability, damage, or costs, including court costs and attorney fees for both the trial and appellate levels, that Releasees may incur as a proximate result of any act or omission on my part during my participation in the Activity.

In signing this agreement, I acknowledge and represent that I have read and understand it and that I sign it voluntarily and for full and adequate consideration, fully intending to be bound by the same.

I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT, UNDERSTAND THAT I AM GIVING UP SUBSTANTIAL RIGHTS
BY SIGNING IT, AND VOLUNTARILY AGREE TO BE BOUND BY IT.

Dated this ____________ day of _______________, 2016.

__________________________________
Name of Participant

__________________________________  _________________________
Participant’s Signature  Parent/Guardian’s Signature
(I certify that I am 18 years of age or older)  (If Participant is under 18 years of age)
Thank you for registering your child in the FAU Harbor Branch Ocean Explorers Program. Please carefully read and review the following policies and procedures that have been designed to create a positive experience for every explorer. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Ocean Discovery Visitor’s Center (ODVC) at 772-242-2293.

**Check In and Check Out**
A parent, guardian or assigned designee must come to the ODVC welcome desk to sign in and drop off their child before the program and must come to the ODVC welcome desk to pick up their child following the program.

**Paperwork**
The Registration Form, Code of Conduct, Liability Waiver, and the Health History and Parent’s Authorization Form must each be completed, signed, dated, and turned in to ODVC staff no later than the start of the program in which your child is participating. If the paperwork has not been completed and signed by the start of the program, your child won’t be permitted to participate.

**Program Times**
The Ocean Explorers program runs from 10am to 2pm on designated Saturdays. We ask that you come to the ODVC to drop off your child between 9:15am-9:45am on program days. Children must be picked up at 2pm. Please be prompt when dropping off and picking up your child(ren).

**Directions**
The Ocean Explorers programs begin and end at the Ocean Discovery Visitor’s Center. We are located at 5600 US Hwy 1, Fort Pierce, 34946. We are to the west of Old Dixie Highway right off the main FAU Harbor Branch campus. Our building is a light blue color with blue awnings.

From I-95: Take the Indrio Road exit and head east. At the exit, there will be a sign pointing you in the direction of FAU Harbor Branch. At the stoplight on US 1, turn left. We are about two miles up the road on the right.

**Health and Safety**
The Health History and Parent’s Authorization Form is enclosed. This form provides important health information about your child to program staff so that we can provide appropriate care for your child throughout the program. This information is kept confidential. The form also allows program staff to seek medical care for your child in the event of an emergency.

If your child is taking any prescription medications, the medications in their original containers must be turned in to the program staff before the program starts. Directions for dispensing of the medication must be written indicating the amount and the times your child is to take the medication.
Trained program staff members will provide first aid care to your child if needed. During the program, a first aid kit will always be readily accessible to program staff in order to treat minor injuries of participants. Parents will be notified of any care administered to their child. For injuries needing care beyond the training of the staff, emergency services will be contacted.

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to inform program staff of any medical, behavioral or dietary issues that may impact your child’s ability to have a successful experience in our Ocean Explorers program(s).

**Clothing**

Staff recommends that your child wears or brings a rash guard with them, as well as a change of clothes, as we will be getting wet in all of our programs. Bathing suits are ok. Please make sure your child wears clothes and shoes that you do not mind getting dirty.

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Closed-toe/closed-heel shoes are required. Socks will prevent blisters from forming during our outdoor activities on the Harbor Branch campus. Water shoes are required for water activities and will be provided upon request. Flip flops, Crocs, and similar footwear are not permitted.

Bathing suits can be worn under shorts and t-shirts. Make sure to supply your child with a towel on the day of the program. During cooler months, please provide your child with a sweatshirt or a hoodie to wear for warmth if necessary.

**Sun Protection and Bug Repellent**

Hats and sunglasses are recommended. Please make sure to supply your child with sunscreen and bug repellent. Your child will be encouraged to reapply sunscreen throughout the outdoor activities portion of the program.

**Lagoon Safety**

The staff at FAU Harbor Branch knows that recent reports about water quality in the Indian River Lagoon may be a worry for some parents. Unless your child is immune-compromised, there is no immediate danger. If your child has open cuts or sores on the day of the program, please alert program staff. Program staff will make sure to rinse the cuts with fresh water and alcohol after your child exits the water. If for any reason your child sustains a cut while in the water, it will be rinsed with fresh water and alcohol after your child exits the water.
Program Staff
Program staff for Ocean Explorers includes both FAU Harbor Branch staff members and trained education volunteers. The staff and volunteers have received training regarding environmental programs, policies and procedures, health safety, and are very familiar with teaching and behavior techniques, as well as emergency procedures. FAU Harbor Branch is committed to providing a safe and enjoyable experience for your child.

Transportation
FAU Harbor Branch staff members will be transporting participants in FAU-owned vans to the main campus during the program. There are seat belts for all passengers, and will be worn while inside the vehicle. Driving staff have valid Florida Driver’s Licenses and will be responsible to transport participants’ safely.

Assigning a Designee for Drop-Off/Pick-Up
If you are unable to drop your child off or pick them up after the program, you may assign a designee to do it for you. Please fill out and sign the Designee Pick-Up/Drop Off section of the Registration Form, which has been enclosed. You will need to create a password for your designee to give program staff in order for program staff to release your child to your designee. Emergencies happen, so please be prepared with a back-up person to drop off or pick up your child.

Questions?
If you have any questions about the Ocean Explorers program, please feel free to contact program staff below. Please note: the staff members below always have their cell phones with them and switched on during the program in case you need to contact them for emergencies during the program.

Nicole Sciandra
Ocean Explorers Program Coordinator
Office: 772-242-2293
Cell: 772-267-8610
nsciandra2012@fau.edu

Erin Lomax
Ocean Discovery Visitor’s Center Coordinator
Office: 772-242-2293
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Thank you!
We look forward to meeting your Ocean Explorer!