

WELCOME TO NEWPORT SEA BASE'S

OCEANOGRAPHY!



Thank you for your class registration. We're excited to have you aboard!

ALERT: Due to the Covid-19 pandemic we are taking special precautions to ensure the safety of our staff and campers this year. Please be aware that all campers will be required to wear a face mask while on property and must have a backup ready (bring 2 masks). Campers are asked to keep at a safe distance from individuals at all times and will need to bring their own refillable water bottles to camp (we have a refillable station on site). All of our camp staff will be wearing masks and ensuring that campers follow safety measures and protocols. When you arrive our staff will help guide you through our security checkpoints from the comfort of your car. You will be asked to stay in your vehicle for pick up and drop off and we will not have spots for parking. All campers will receive a temperature and health screening before being allowed to enter camp. After the health screening campers will join their counselor and group. We know this is a difficult time and appreciate your help and cooperation. Please also be advised that our office will remain closed to the public. We will however have office staff ready to answer your questions by phone or email. For immediate assistance please call our office line at (949) 642-5031.

NOTE: Click [HERE](#) for the recently revised merit badge requirements.

Course Description:

Our Earth is a complex planet; it is comprised of 72% water, creating a very diverse environment within it. From the deep ocean to our rivers, lakes and streams, there are billions of plants and animal species that live within them.

We have an exciting week ahead of us full of learning, games, and even a **SHARK DISSECTION** on the last day of class!

Below is information you'll find valuable in helping you prepare for the class:

- Campers are expected to bring a pen/pencil and a notebook every day to take notes.
- Closed-toed shoes are mandatory and campers are required to wear them while on property.
- Campers will construct a plankton net at home. Refer to page 63 in the Merit Badge book to view a list of needed materials and instructions. **Bring on Thursday for our trip to the Back Bay Science Center via pontoon boat (no extra cost for field trip).**
- Water, hat, sunglasses and sunscreen are recommended and strongly encouraged, especially for our field trip on Wednesday.
- Scouts looking to complete the merit badge must bring blue cards on the last day. Instructors will not hold blue cards for campers before the last day of class.
- Most of the merit badge requirements and course information are covered and discussed in class, however we do also assign some homework items.

This highly interactive and exploratory class is open to and enjoyable for all youth (girls and boys, ages 11-17), not just Boy Scouts.

Note: Orange County Council, Boy Scouts is dedicated to the safety of all youth who participate in our programs. Consequently, campers must be able to repeat back, in their own words, an accurate understanding of all safety instructions. Campers who are unable or unwilling to do so, may not be eligible to participate. (Youth who are working on their English language skills can decide to bring an interpreter but may still not be eligible to participate.)

Thanks again for your participation at the Newport Sea Base. Have a GREAT class!

NEWPORT SEA BASE STAFF

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