SYCC Camp Descriptions

Paddling Adventures Camp

During Paddling Adventures Camp, youth will learn beginner kayak and paddleboard skills that are necessary to have a fun and safe day on the water. This includes paddle strokes and maneuvers, how to prepare for a paddle trip, orienteering/chart reading, knot tying, etc. Additionally, campers will have the opportunity to try activities like archery and fishing. Campers will also have some fun building their own boats to test how much "pay-load" they can hold! (weather-permitting).

Aquatic Careers Camp

Youth will get a chance to explore marine careers in the Tampa Bay area. Diving beyond the “traditional” marine science careers, campers will be immersed in some alternative careers in their back yards which may include shrimp dock tours, aquaculture labs that supply pet stores, chats with researchers, and much more! This camp will touch on marine industry, aquaculture, entertainment, commercial fisheries, waterway safety, and research.

When not offsite exploring such places for future employment, campers will be at the Suncoast learning tips and tricks for resume building, interviewing, volunteering, and improving their own leadership skills while better preparing themselves for college and/or the workforce as valuable members of the community.

Saltwater Fish Camp

This camp is for those who love spending lots of time with a line in the water and testing their fishing skills. Campers will learn how to rig a rod, tie knots, select bait, throw a cast net, build a tackle box, interpret fishing regulations, and more. Other activities include kayaking, archery, games, and crafts. Campers will receive their very own rod, reel, and tackle box so they have the supplies and skills they need to go fishing on their own anytime and use effective catch-and-release techniques for fish that won’t be kept!

Marine Science Camp

During Marine Science Camp, youth learn about the diverse range of marine life found throughout Tampa Bay and try out various tools/techniques scientists use to study the natural world. Games, experiments, crafts, recreational activities and sessions with marine science professionals will be used to connect students with the world in their backyards. Campers will also have the opportunity to experience outdoor activities including kayaking, archery, and fishing.