



# Marine Zoological Careers Camp II Sample Itinerary

Adventure Camps are designed to promote an appreciation of and stewardship for animals and the environment by providing a safe, fun and educational camp. Career Camps are designed to provide enriching and motivational experiences for those interested in pursuing a career in the marine zoological sciences. Through this program, you will develop an appreciation for science, conservation and scientific research in our society. It will also increase basic competencies in science and other disciplines. Practical experiences will include exposure to animal care and nutrition, physiology, and animal behavior and training.

- Day 1** Arrive at SeaWorld San Antonio from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. to meet your SeaWorld counselors and fellow campers for program orientation. After orientation you will go into the park for roller coasters, shopping, and show watching. Pizza dinner will be served around 6 p.m. followed by preparation for the next day.
- Day 2** Bundle up for a morning of interactions with our penguin team! Help the aviculturists shovel snow and feed penguins. Then assist penguin keepers with animal presentations for our guests. After lunch, you will spend time learning about the other birds that we have at SeaWorld San Antonio. In the afternoon you will learn what goes into preparing for a show like Azul or the Beluga Story. Here you will have a chance to test your skills with a mock swim test in the show pool.
- Day 3** Wake up early and assist our Animal Care Specialists with their food preparation for many of the mammals in the park. Enjoy time learning and interacting with our Bottlenose Dolphins. In the afternoon spend time learning with our Sea Lion team with animals on exhibit as well as the differences in training sea lions, otters and walruses. You'll put training principles into action by participating in a Sea Lion Interaction Program.
- Day 4** Dive into SeaWorld's animal training department by visiting our Shamu Theater and Animal Ambassador Team. In the morning, campers will assist Animal Ambassadors and help education the public about endangered species and things they can do at home to help animals. At Shamu you'll help trainers provide enrichment for the whales.
- Day 5** Assist aquarists in taking water samples and testing salinity and temperature. After breakfast, they will tour our Aquarium facility behind the scenes while learning all about the animals and the job requirements. They will slip into the water and snorkle with some of our Stingrays and fish. After a fun filled day campers will go to our Summer Night Shows and then take a \*test.
- Day 6** Breakfast will be provided and camp will conclude with final evaluations and good-byes to your new SeaWorld friends. Program concludes at 10 a.m.

\*Each day campers will have a review of the material they learned that day in preparation for the test on Day 5. Many students who have attended this camp in the past have received attendance or elective credit from their schools. Check with your school counselor for attendance or elective credit for participation in this program. Please see the Q&A section in the handbook.

\*\*All program components are subject to change. Hazardous weather conditions, park operating hours and other unforeseeable conditions may force necessary changes to program.