Deering Estate Camp

“Splash into Spring”

Children will splash into the world of marine biology by exploring the coastal and aquatic habitats of the Deering Estate! Campers will get an up-close look at marine life through activities such as catching critters, fishing, and dissections while also learning about the importance of protecting the unique habitats in which they live.

Our week includes a variety of activities both indoors and outside, and much more. **Backpack Checklist:**

- Lunch + Snacks
- Change of Clothes
- Refillable Water Bottle
- Sunblock + Bug Spray
- Closed Toe Shoes (No Crocs)
- Hat + Sunglasses

**March 23th-27th**

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<td>After dissecting a Squid to study the internal and external adaptations they have made to survive in Biscayne Bay, campers will learn how marine mammals have adapted to control their body temperature in water during a blubber experiment.</td>
<td>While taking a muddy hike through our protected Mangrove Forest, campers will be practicing environmental stewardship by collecting litter that has washed in with the oceans tides. They will also get the chance to collect water samples and view live plankton using microscopes.</td>
<td>Campers will get to wade into knee deep water with nets to explore the creatures living in our shallow sea grass beds during Catching Critters. Campers will also tackle the issue of water pollution as they design and test a tool to remove pollution from the worlds oceans.</td>
<td>Campers who are 8 years old and younger will take a 5 minute ride to Bill Sadowski park, where they will visit the nature center and native tree arborretum, and go fishing. Campers 9 years old and older will kayak to our mangrove island, Chicken Key, for a picnic lunch.</td>
<td>Campers will learn about the environmentally friendly practice of catch and release when they go fishing at Deering Point. Campers will also put their engineering skills to the test when they work in teams to build model boats, powered by baking soda and vinegar, and race them.</td>
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**Before care: 7:30-9:30**

**Sign in: 7:30-9:30**

**Sign out: 4:00-6:00**

**After-care: 4:00-6:00**

*After 6:00 ($15/15 minutes)*

*Scheduled activities are subject to change due to weather.

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