



Santa Monica Pier Aquarium Offers Summer Science Camp

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Santa Monica, CA (March 15, 2011) – Created by popular demand, Heal the Bay's Santa Monica Pier Aquarium is offering its first ever summer camp program in the first two weeks of August. Science Adventures Camp is a fun, safe and exciting way for kids (ages six to 12) to explore the local coastal environment of the Santa Monica Bay and learn marine science.

A weeklong Science Adventures Camp runs from August 1st through the 5th. Campers will have exclusive use of the Santa Monica Pier Aquarium, exploring the marine environment and becoming acquainted with more than 100 species of live animals and plants. From August 9th through the 12th, single session, half-day camp dates are available.

Whether looking to enrich a child's summer days through a week-long day camp, or provide a one day educational experience, this summer camp program is designed to engage kids in marine science and promote ocean stewardship. Camp spaces are extremely limited and will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Online registration is available on the Aquarium's website at www.healthebay.org/smpa. The Aquarium is located at 1600 Ocean Front Walk, beach level beneath the Carousel at the Santa Monica Pier. More information is also available by calling 310-393-6149, ext. 103.

About the SMPA

The Santa Monica Pier Aquarium is Heal the Bay's marine education facility located beach-level, just below the Carousel, at the Santa Monica Pier. The Aquarium is open to the general public <[http://www.healthebay.org/Santa Monica Pier Aquarium/Plan Your Visit/location-hours-fees](http://www.healthebay.org/Santa_Monica_Pier_Aquarium/Plan_Your_Visit/location-hours-fees)> and attracts more than 85,000 visitors per year. Since Heal the Bay acquired the Aquarium in 2003 from UCLA, more than 300,000 visitors have been welcomed during public hours and approximately 80,000 students have been educated during in-house education programs <<http://www.healthebay.org/santa-monica-pier-aquarium/education>> .

About Heal the Bay

Heal the Bay is a nonprofit environmental organization making Southern California coastal waters and watersheds, including Santa Monica Bay, safe, healthy and clean. We use science, education, community action and advocacy to pursue our mission.