The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast Research Laboratory’s Marine Education Center is now offering

Two great Summer Camps at Southern Miss Gulf Park Campus in Long Beach!

University Faculty, Staff and Students Receive 20% Discount on Camp Tuition

2016 Summer Camps

Sea Camp

Shark Fest

Angler Camp

Three-Day Adventure Camps

Kayakin’ the Coast

NEW THIS SUMMER!
Sea Camp

Two Different Sessions

Marine educators provide students with a rich educational experience wrapped up in lots of fun, games and hands-on activities. Participants explore coastal salt marshes with educators aboard the university research vessel, the Miss Peetsy B. Activities include live animal encounters with coastal wildlife and opportunities to fish, crab, seine and sieve. Students will participate in field trips appropriate for their ages, such as exploring beach habitats or a day at Ship Island.

Sea Camp I
Ocean Exploration
June 6-10, 13-17, 20-24
Gulf Park in Long Beach

Sea Camp II
Endangered Marine Species
July 11-15, 18-22, 25-29
Gulf Park in Long Beach

Grades
1-2 — $210 / 3-4 — $235 / 5-6 — $260

Shark Fest

Why watch shark week on TV when you can live it?!
Spend a week learning all about one of the ocean’s apex predators. Shark Fest participants may encounter Atlantic sharp nose, bonnethead, blacktip, spinner, hammerhead and bull sharks. Board vessels to long line for sharks and participate in shark research with our USM scientists by catching, tagging and releasing sharks.

Shark Fest

June 27-July 1

Grades 7-12 — $375

Angler Camp

Spend a week with our marine educators and learn a lifetime of saltwater fishing techniques. Participants explore fish biology and behavior and how weather, wind, moon and tides affect fishing. During the week, anglers will learn how to throw a net to catch bait, how to tag and release fish, and how to target speckled trout, redfish and flounder. Participants will fish a variety of saltwater habitats aboard vessels and at the islands.

Angler Camp

June 6-10, June 13-17 • Grades 7-12 — $400

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Three-Day Adventure Camps

Saltwater Fly Fishing
Kayakin’ IFFF (International Federation of Fly Fishers) certified casting instructors will teach you how to cast a fly. Local fly fishing experts teach campers to tie the most locally productive saltwater fly patterns. Campers catch fish on them, too. Learn where to look for fish, how to surf fish, sight cast and successfully land saltwater species. When you are finished with the class, you can teach your dad.

June 27-29 • Grades 7-12 — $300

Kayakin’ the Coast
Spend three days kayaking and exploring diverse and unique Mississippi coastal habitats by water. Learn about the different types of kayaks and let the experts help you develop your kayaking skills. During Kayakin’ the Coast, participants will explore Davis Bayou, Grand Bay Neer and Cat Island while interacting with and learning about our coastal environment.

June 20-22 • Grades 9-12 — $300

$50 Deposit Holds Your Child’s Spot!

Grades are based on the 2016-17 school year.

Summer Camp scholarships available: http://gcrl.usm.edu/mec/scholarships.summer.camps.php.
Register on our website: http://gcrl.usm.edu/mec/summer.camps.php.
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