

SUMMER CAMPS

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Swashbuckling on the Sea

August 3rd – 7th

Ahoy, mates! We are going on an adventure over – and under- the sea this week in virtual camp! Campers will learn about marine biology, create mermaid and pirate themed crafts, and investigate the various properties of water.

Hands-on Activities:

[Ocean Themed Crafts for Kids](#) – Compiled by Night Owl Blog

[Ocean Currents Science Experiment](#) – Life Over CS

[Grow Your Own Crystal Corals](#) – Dandelion Bouquets

[Recycled Materials Floating Turtle Craft](#) – Babies to Bookworms

[Floating Sponges Pirate Ship](#) – One Time Through

[Easy Origami Whale](#) – Red Ted Art

[Watercolor Seahorse Art](#) – Hello, Wonderful

[Tea Stained Treasure Maps](#) – Kiwi Co.

[Paper Plate Jellyfish](#) – Arty Crafty Kids

[Seaview Telescope Craft](#) – One Time Through

[Shark Themed Screen-free Coding](#) – Life with Moore Learning

[Ocean Spill Clean Up](#) – Little Bins for Little Hands

[Jellyfish Salt Painting](#) – I Heart Arts & Crafts

[Cardboard Pirate Ship](#) – Red Ted Art

[Coastal Erosion Demonstration](#) – Little Bins for Little Hands

[Ocean Black Glue Art](#) – Red Ted Art

[Salt Dough Seashell Fossils](#) – The Imagination Tree

[Floating Shark Experiment](#) – Little Bins for Little Hands

[Make Your Own Water Cycle](#) – The Water Project

[Paper Tube Crabs](#) – Honey I'm Home DIY

[Pirate's Sundial](#) – Krokotak

[How to Make a Compass](#) – Science with Kids

[Mason Jar Aquariums](#) – A Little Claire-ification

[Why Doesn't the Ocean Freeze?](#) – Education.com

[Whale Blubber Experiment](#) – Little Bins for Little Hands

Early Learners:

This week's virtual camp theme was picked with two of our preschool summer camps in mind, so we wanted to include a special section for our younger campers. Here you will find sensory activities, crafts, and learning games specifically gathered with this age group in mind!

[Ocean Pollution Sensory Bin](#) – Must Have Mom

[Bubble Wrap Starfish Painting Craft](#) – Our Kid Things

[Art & Math with Ocean Shells](#) – One Time Through

[Ocean Coral Blow Painting Craft](#) – Woo Jr. Kids Activities

[Discovery Sensory Bottles for Pirates](#) – Fun a Day

[Mermaid Sensory Bin](#) – Surviving a Teacher's Salary

[Stringing Coral Reefs Motor Skills](#) – The Keeper of the Memories

[Ocean Songs for Preschoolers](#) – PreKinders

[Foil Fish Craft](#) – Nuture Store

[Rocking Paper Shark Family](#) – Super Simple

[Pirate Treasure Sensory Bin & Alphabet Matching](#) – Kitchen Floor Crafts

Keep Exploring:

[Oceana:](#)

This international agency works to spread awareness about ocean conservation. On their page, older campers can explore a [marine life encyclopedia](#) to learn about different species. Parents can also head to their free site- [KELP](#) - to find step-by-step, hands-on STEM activity lesson plans.

[Smithsonian Ocean Portal:](#)

Similar to Oceana, the Smithsonian is a great resource if campers want to explore and research about the ocean independently. In their [Educator's Corner](#), the site also features hands-on activities and lesson plans that can be searched by grade level, from kindergarten to twelfth grade.

[Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute:](#)

Watch videos of experts in marine biology and oceanography talk about their projects, download free coloring pages, and virtually dive into the sea and learn about different topics.

[Virtual Field Trips:](#)

The Haphazard Traveler has compiled a list of the best virtual ocean field trips you can take! Watch live webcams from aquariums to visit with penguins, observe a coral reef, and more!