Who: All girls in Pinellas school who are completing the 8th grade

What: Learn science while having fun experiencing the Ocean World
Activities: Be an oceanographer during field and lab explorations, including a day at sea aboard a research vessel, coastal marine field trips, “real-world” research projects, career interviews, and behind the scenes at Sea World

Staff: Science mentors include graduate students, research scientists, teen counselors, educators and camp alumni

When: 3 weeks! JUNE 20 – JULY 8 (8am-4pm daily)

Where: University of South Florida College of Marine Science
140 Seventh Avenue South, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

How to Apply:
(1) From Jan 15th – Mar 31st Apply by downloading an Application: www.marine.usf.edu/girlscamp (bottom of page)
(2) Complete application and return by March 31st via mail to: USF Marine Science, 140 7th Ave. S. St. Petersburg, FL 33701 (postmarked March 31st)
OR email to Dr. Angela Lodge, alodge@marine.usf.edu
(3) Participate in an interview at your school the month of April
(4) Letters mailed to all applicants about the outcome the week of May 1st

Cost: NO COST, must provide daily transportation (limited to 30 girls)

Questions? Call: (727) 553-3921

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Oceanography Camp
Especially for Girls

Application for Admission
All information is confidential.
Please write carefully and clearly.

Name: (last) ____________________________ (first) ____________________________ (mi) ____________________________

Home Address, Including Apartment Number: __________________________________________________________

City, State, ZIP Code: ____________________________________________________________

County: ____________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name(s): ____________________________________________________________

Home Phone: ____________________________________________ Parent(s) Work Phone: ____________________________________________

Social Security Number: ____________________________________________ Date of Birth: ____________________________ Age: ____________________________

High school you plan to attend: ____________________________ email ____________________________

School you attend now: ____________________________________________ Grade: ____________________________

List here the teacher you asked to complete a recommendation on your behalf. It is preferable that this be a science teacher. However, you may submit more than one reference if your strongest recommendation is from another teacher.

______________________________ ____________________________
Teacher’s Name Address

______________________________ ____________________________
Phone E-mail

Are you: □ Black American □ Asian American □ Hispanic American
□ Native American □ White American □ Other/Mix ________

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General questions about you and your views about science and math
(Please answer how you REALLY feel!)

1. Who do you think had the MOST influence on whether you took science or math classes?
   □ I did  □ Counselors  □ Parents/guardians  □ Brothers/sisters
   □ Teachers  □ Friends  □ Other, please list ____________________________

2. Do you like science?  □ yes  □ no  Why? _______________________________

3. Do you like math?  □ yes  □ no  Why? _______________________________

4. How confident are you about science?
   □ Not confident  □ Sometimes confident  □ Usually confident  □ Very confident

5. How confident are you about math?
   □ Not confident  □ Sometimes confident  □ Usually confident  □ Very confident

6. Complete the following sentences any way you want:
   When I do science I feel... ____________________________________________
   When I do sports I feel... ____________________________________________
   When I do math I feel... ____________________________________________
   A girl has a right to... ____________________________________________
   A girl should always... ____________________________________________

7. Can you think of a way science has improved your life? ____________________________

8. Do you know any scientists? □ yes □ no (If yes, who ____________________________)

9. Please describe what you think or see, when you think of a scientist. ____________________________

10. Please describe what you think or see, when you think of oceanography. ____________________________

11. Would you like to graduate from high school? □ yes  □ no
   Would you like to go to college? □ yes  □ no
   Do you feel that you know how to prepare for college? □ yes  □ no
   Have you made plans to attend college? □ yes  □ no
12. How interested are you in having a job involving:
   - science? □ no interest □ maybe □ interested □ very interested □ never considered
   - engineering? □ no interest □ maybe □ interested □ very interested □ never considered
   - math? □ no interest □ maybe □ interested □ very interested □ never considered
   - computers? □ no interest □ maybe □ interested □ very interested □ never considered
   - science? □ no interest □ maybe □ interested □ very interested □ never considered
   - math? □ no interest □ maybe □ interested □ very interested □ never considered

13. List three people you most admire and why:________________________________________
    ________________________________________
    ________________________________________
    ________________________________________

14. If your ultimate dream came true, what kind of job would you like to have when you become an adult and why? ________________________________________

15. What kind of job do you realistically think you will have when you become an adult and why? ________________________________________

16. Are you a part of any clubs, organizations, or after school programs? □ yes □ no
    If so, please list:________________________________________
    ________________________________________

    ________________________________________
    ________________________________________

18. Have you held any leadership positions (school, church, community)? □ yes □ no
    If so, please list:________________________________________
    ________________________________________

19. Do you have a religious preference? □ yes □ no, if so, please list:________________________

20. Please share an experience(s) that have influenced your feelings about science learning.
    ________________________________________
    ________________________________________
    ________________________________________
IN YOUR OWN WORDS, TELL US ABOUT YOURSELF.

Please write COMPLETE SENTENCES and respond to all questions (use the back of this page as needed)

In 250-500 words share: a) five things that are most important to you in life and why, b) your hobbies and activities outside of school, c) your favorite classes in school, d) what you like to do outdoors, e) your favorite science memory (whether in or out of school), and f) finish by listing five words that best describe you.
TELL US WHY YOU WOULD LIKE TO COME TO CAMP THIS SUMMER
(Please write COMPLETE SENTENCES and reply to all questions. You may use the back if you need to.)

In 250-500 words, tell us about your a) interests in the camp, b) your level of commitment to learning and participating 100% in the camp, c) your expectations from the camp, and d) benefits/ strengths you bring to camp. Finish with what you want to gain from the camp experience and how will it benefit you?
Oceanography Camp Especially for Girls
Permission of Parent/Legal Guardian

MIDDLE SCHOOL ____________________________

As the parent/legal guardian of, ______________________________________________________________________ I am aware of her application to the Oceanography Camp for Girls and grant my full permission for her to participate in the school interview process as part of the application process. I also grant my full permission for all necessary school records to be released to the Oceanography Camp for Girls program as part of the completed application.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian ____________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian ____________________________
Date ____________________________

COST OF PROGRAM
Each year 30 girls are selected from over 100’s of applications. The market cost for this unique experience is $2,500 per camper however due to generous donors the camp is FREE. If my daughter is selected, I agree to be responsible to attend the OCG Orientation in May, ensure 100% attendance everyday of camp, and provide transportation to and from the program daily, arriving on time for drop off and pick up each day.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian ____________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian ____________________________
Date ____________________________

RELEASE of INFORMATION
As part of the long-term evaluation of the Oceanography Camp for Girls, we are interested in assessing our program’s impact beyond the summer experience. We like to share in your daughter’s progress and choices through high school and beyond. For this reason we are requesting your permission to access your daughter’s school records (report cards/attendance/extracurricular activities), conduct follow-up interviews, and distribute surveys both during and after the summer camp. We strive to continuously evaluate our program to make it the best summer experience for all participants. Our best feedback is from your daughters! They tell us the parts of the program that worked best, which to change, and keep us informed of the long-lasting impacts. We value their advice and future recommendations.

Portions of our evaluation may be reproduced for the purpose of publications, progress reports, and newsletters. Your daughter’s responses both written and verbal may be incorporated as part of the evaluation process. All responses (written or verbal) and records will be reported anonymously for the purpose of grouping participants’ progress and choices. Please respond below.

I ALLOW ____________________________ ‘s name, likeness, written responses, or voice to be used in the manner described above.

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian ____________________________
Signature of Parent/Guardian ____________________________
Date ____________________________

The Oceanography Camp is a summer enrichment program for girls poised to enter high school. The camp setting motivates young women to consider career opportunities in the sciences by encouraging their desire to understand the natural world around them. The program provides multidisciplinary, hands-on learning experiences in both laboratory and field environments. Activities include a research cruise, coastal fieldtrips, research projects, career explorations, and environmental stewardship.

This program derives its uniqueness not only from real-world environmental studies and awareness, but also from one-on-one mentoring between teen-aged girls and women established in the sciences. Participants work side by side with female professors and graduate students from the College of Marine Science as well as professionals from government agencies and industries. The camp promotes developing a positive sense of self and establishing lifelong friendships.

Our recruitment goals are to encourage ALL girls’ interests in science. Campers include minority and non-minority girls and girls from all learning abilities—high achieving, average, and high potential students. Short-term evaluations indicate that enrichment has made a difference to participants, including: 1) an increase in math and science courses taken and planned; 2) a decrease in negative stereotypes about science and scientists; 3) an increased understanding of the research process; and 4) a strengthened commitment towards careers in math, science, and engineering. We ask that you will especially encourage minority girls from your school to apply.

1. How do you think this student might benefit from attending the camp? Please elaborate.

2. Describe the applicant as a person: strengths, weaknesses, enthusiasms, dislikes etc.

3. Describe the applicant as a student: effort vs. ability.
4. Please describe special needs, if any, you anticipate this student having? ____________________________

5. Please describe one unique characteristic about the applicant that demonstrates her social skills. ____________________________

6. How does the applicant work with others as a team? By herself? ____________________________

7. What subject have you taught the applicant? ____________________________

In a sentence or two briefly comment on the following in relation to the applicant:

MOTIVATION TO LEARN? ____________________________

STUDY SKILLS AND TIME MANAGEMENT? ____________________________

SELF DISCIPLINE? ____________________________

EMOTIONAL MATURITY? ____________________________

WRITTEN COMMUNICATION? ____________________________

ORAL COMMUNICATION? ____________________________

INITIATIVE/CREATIVITY? ____________________________

ATTITUDE/ENTHUSIASM? ____________________________

COMPLIANCE WITH AUTHORITY & STRUCTURE? ____________________________

RELATE TO PEERS? ____________________________

RELATE TO ADULTS? ____________________________

TOLERANCE OF OTHERS? ____________________________

SCIENCE/MATH PERFORMANCE? ____________________________

As a teacher, I □ very strongly □ strongly □ weakly □ do not recommend the above applicant for the Oceanography Camp for Girls. I have read the above program description and believe this young woman will benefit from this experience.

________________________________________________________________________

Teacher printed name                                                                 Teacher’s signature                  Date

________________________________________________________________________

Phone                                                                 email address

RETURN BY MARCH 31ST FAX: 727-552-2581 OR EMAIL: ALODGE@MARINE.USF.EDU