

Dear Parents/Grandparents/Guardians,

Thank you for your interest in the Pigeon Key Foundation & Marine Science Center's 2017 Summer Camp! We are a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization whose mission it is to make the island of Pigeon Key available to the community, projects, programs, and activities that are beneficial to the citizens of Monroe County. We aim to promote the facilities at Pigeon Key as an open campus for educating our youth and the general public about the historical, environmental, and cultural significance of the Florida Keys.

Campers will participate with our educated marine science center staff in programs such as Marine Habitats of the Florida Keys, Reef Fish Identification, Invertebrate Biodiversity, Marine Adaptations, and Squid and Shark Dissections—to name just a few. Campers will also have opportunities to fish and snorkel around the island and at our local coral reef, Sombrero Reef.

We offer both Day and Overnight Camp options. Day camp is Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm and is open to children 8 – 16 years old. Overnight camp is just extended marine science fun! We provide all meals and equipment. Overnight camp is a chance for your kids to do more of their favorite activities: snorkel, tidepool, fish, and hang out with their friends and counselors. Drop your kids off on Monday morning before 9am, pick them up on Friday at 5pm, and be ready for plenty of stories about all their overnight adventures! Your camper must 10 – 16 years old to participate in overnight camp and to ensure safety throughout the week of marine science fun, camp counselors stay in the dorms with the campers.

For those feeling up to the challenge, a PADI Open Water SCUBA Certification class can be added to your camper's summer experience. The minimum age is 12 years for certification. SCUBA diving is the best way to get up close and personal with beautiful marine life! We also offer a PADI SCUBA refresher course for those already certified.

Enclosed you will find the materials required to hold your camper's spot in our 2017 Summer Camp. Please complete the "Summer Camp Application Form" and send it with your non-refundable deposit (checks can be made payable to "Pigeon Key Foundation") to ATTN: Summer Camp PO Box 500130 Marathon, FL 33050. You may also drop off your application and deposit at our gift shop (the red train car) located at 1 Knights Key Boulevard Marathon, FL 33050 between 9:30am-4pm, 7-days a week. The non-refundable deposit is **\$100 for Day Camp** and **\$250 for Overnight Camp**. Please remember to attach a recent photo of your camper and **a camper's spot CAN NOT be reserved without a completed application and deposit.**

Mark your calendars!! All completed registration paperwork and **full payment** should be in **three weeks** prior to summer camp start date. This includes the Summer Camp Registration Form, *notarized* Medical Release Form, Participant Code of Conduct, and the Liability Release Form.

Once we have received your summer camp application form **and your deposit**, we will send a confirmation via email. Please expect additional emails before camp starts with information on arrival/departure times, packing list, and what to expect for camp. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,
The Pigeon Key Foundation Staff
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Pigeon Key Foundation & Marine Science Center Summer Camp Registration Form

Camper's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Age (at start of camp): _____ Camper's Shirt Size (circle one: Adult S Adult M Adult L Adult XL

Please describe prior swimming experience: _____

Name of primary person responsible for camper during camp: _____

Relation: _____ Email address: _____

Please circle preferred phone number

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Primary Phone Number: _____

Secondary Phone Number: _____

Please Attach Photo Here

Person(s) to notify if primary person cannot be reached:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Dates (Check all that apply):

- Day Camp Session 1:** July 10th – July 14th (\$350) (SCUBA NOT OFFERED THIS WEEK)
(\$100 Deposit and Paperwork needed to hold spot; full payment due by June 19th)
- Day Camp Session 2:** July 17th – 21st (\$350) (SCUBA OFFERED THIS WEEK)
- Overnight Camp Session 2:** July 17th – 21st (\$950) (SCUBA OFFERED THIS WEEK)
(\$100 Day/\$250 Overnight Deposit and Paperwork needed to hold spot; full payment due by June 26th)
- Overnight Camp Session 3:** July 24th – 28th (\$950) (SCUBA NOT OFFERED THIS WEEK)
(\$250 Deposit and Paperwork needed to hold spot; full payment due by July 3rd)
- Day Camp Session 4:** July 31st - August 4th (\$350) (SCUBA OFFERED THIS WEEK)
(\$100 Deposit and Paperwork needed to hold spot; full payment due by July 10th)

- PADI Open Water SCUBA certification (**minimum age: 12**)
Requires a minimum of 4 participants to run class
(\$800 total with day camp/\$1,400 with overnight camp, includes all summer camp materials)

- PADI Refresher Course- 2 dives (**minimum age: 12**)
Requires a minimum of 4 participants to run class
(\$550 total with day camp/\$1,150 with overnight camp, includes all summer camp materials)

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Pigeon Key Foundation & Marine Science Center Medical Release Form

Camper's Name: _____

MEDICAL HISTORY STATEMENT

I understand that water activities may be strenuous and that normal healthy lungs, heart, ears and sinuses are essential for my safety and well-being. I hereby confirm that my circulatory systems are healthy and normal and that I have no severe emotional or neurological problems or communicable diseases. I understand that I need to seek approval from a licensed physician if I am uncertain as to my physical fitness for water activities.

Please check each item that applies to your current or past medical history and explain under remarks.

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| <input type="radio"/> I have read the medical statement | <input type="radio"/> Epilepsy |
| <input type="radio"/> Glasses or Contact lenses | <input type="radio"/> Diabetes |
| <input type="radio"/> Asthma or Lung Disease | <input type="radio"/> Physical Disabilities |
| <input type="radio"/> Dizziness/Fainting | <input type="radio"/> Any serious medical problem |

Remarks: _____

List ALL medications you are currently taking: _____

Camper's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

It is recommended that each student be covered under a Health Insurance Policy. Please provide the following:

Health Policy Name: _____ Physician's Name: _____

Policy Number: _____ Physician's Number: _____

The following statement must be notarized

In the event of any injury requiring medical treatment, I hereby grant permission for emergency medical treatment to be initiated for my child by the Pigeon Key Foundation. The cost of such treatment will be paid for by the above named policy or parent. Any expenses not covered by the above named policy will be solely my responsibility as parent or guardian and I understand will not be paid for by the Pigeon Key Foundation or any of its agents.

Parent's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Notary Seal



Pigeon Key Foundation & Marine Science Center Participant Code of Conduct

I, _____, (camper's name) hereby agree to abide by this Student Code of Conduct during the Pigeon Key Foundation & Marine Science Center's (PKFMSC) program I am attending.

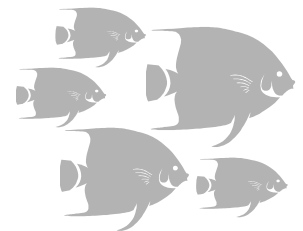
1. I fully understand that the purpose of the program is to explore and learn about wonders of the aquatic world.
2. I will conduct myself in a manner, which is not disruptive to any scheduled activity.
3. I will follow all verbal and written instructions of the Pigeon Key Staff and Junior Counselors.
4. I will be respectful in thoughts, words and actions to all persons on Pigeon Key.
5. I will remain with my assigned group and group leader at all times.
6. I will follow all safety rules and regulations & exercise common sense at all times.
7. I will respect other participants' personal property and their right to privacy.
8. I will respect PKFMSC staff, equipment, and all camp property.
9. I will abstain from the use of alcohol, tobacco products and any non-prescriptive medication or drugs.
10. I will conduct myself in a normal manner at all times and be respectful in thoughts, words and actions towards those of the opposite gender and different races.
11. I understand that any single violation of this **Code of Conduct** may result in being sent home immediately, at my own expense, and without refund of tuition.

Camper's Signature: _____ Date: _____

As the Parent(s) of the above named student, I/we understand the Student Code of Conduct and agree to arrange for, and bear the expense for, providing an adult escort for my child and transportation for the escort and my child back to the point of origin or home within 24 hours of being notified of my child's unacceptable behavior. I understand this policy is in the best interest of all students involved in the Program.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent Name (print): _____





Pigeon Key Foundation & Marine Science Center Liability Release Form

Please PRINT the information requested below. Complete all blanks and sign at the bottom.

Camper's Name: _____ Gender (circle): M F
Street Address: _____ City: _____
State: _____ Zip: _____ Home Phone: _____ Other Phone: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Emergency Phone: _____

General Medical Information

Please list ANY medical problems such as allergies (food) , chronic conditions, dietary preferences (vegetarian?) etc.: _____
Medications presently taking: _____
My health/accident insurance policy is with: _____
Policy Number: _____ Group/Plan/ID: _____

RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY/IMPLIED CONSENT

In signing this form, I understand that I waive the right to sue the Pigeon Key Foundation (PKFMSC), The Florida Keys Land and Sea Trust, or any groups or individuals associated with PKFMSC, for both myself and my heirs, assigns or personal representatives.

I am aware that PKFMSC arrange activities involving snorkeling, SCUBA diving, swimming, and kayaking in the ocean, and traveling by boat. In participating or allowing my child to participate in these activities I acknowledge that during these activities, I or he/she may be exposed to certain risks which are inherent in the activity and cannot be eliminated without destroying the purpose and character of the activity, such as traveling by boat, swimming in or near the ocean, snorkeling in the ocean, accident or illness in remote places without immediate access to medical facilities, and the forces of nature, including sun, wind, and rain. I understand the description of these risks is not complete and that these and other unknown or unanticipated inherent risks may result in injury or death.

In consideration for the right for myself or my child to participate in such activities, and other services and activities arranged for me or him/her, I have and do hereby assume all risks and will forever indemnify, hold harmless, and covenant not to sue PKFMSC and The Florida Keys Land and Sea Trust, its employees, property owners, directors, officers, and members from any and all liabilities, actions, causes of actions, debts, claims, demands, or other liability of every kind and nature whatsoever which may arise or in connection with my or his/her trip to or participation in this program, whether caused by ordinary negligence or otherwise. This signed agreement serves as a release or assumption of risks for my heirs, executors, and administrators, assigns, next of kin, and members of my family. This agreement is meant to be broad and inclusive. I give permission for staff to take pictures and videos of myself or my child while participating in these activities. The photos and videos shall remain the property of the Pigeon Key Foundation & Marine Science Center.

Signature of Participant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if under 18): _____ Date: _____



Pigeon Key Foundation & Marine Science Center SCUBA Certification Program



Join Pigeon Key for the FUN and EXCITEMENT of SCUBA Diving

Imagine how proud you will be to join the ranks of Jacques Cousteau, Mel Fisher and other underwater explorers. Imagine the excitement of breathing underwater at 30' below the surface surrounded by the beauty of the underwater world...and the ability to do this anywhere in the world!

The Pigeon Key Foundation & Marine Science Center will be offering a weeklong SCUBA/Marine Science Camp on the historic island. Campers will receive their textbooks in advance, study at home and be ready to learn about the aquatic world and diving techniques right away. After a day of classroom instruction, campers will practice all their skills in a pool. The third and fourth day of camp will find students completing their four open water dives, with the hopes of completing their open water certification by the end of the 4th dive. Typically open water dives are conducted at Sombrero Reef, part of the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary, but other picturesque locations are also included. SCUBA campers spend day five participating in all the "Friday Funday" activities with the rest of the Pigeon Key Campers.

PKFMSC will take care of each and every detail—from lunches to equipment to boat charters. The required 4-open water dives, all your certification materials-**EVEN YOUR EQUIPMENT** is all included. The entire course is taught at our island science camp with training dives at a local pool.

The greatest feature of Pigeon Key's certification course is that it is **ALL INCLUSIVE!** There are **NO** hidden charges and **NOTHING** to buy. We supply **EVERYTHING** for this course – all you need is a bathing suit and towel, decent swimming ability, and to **be at least 12 years old!**

Here's what's included:

- Textbooks and all required academic material
- Use of all equipment for the course (including mask, fins, snorkel, tanks, BCD, & weights)
- All instructor fees
- Transportation & Meals
- All charters aboard USCG certified vessels
- All certification fees (including photos)
- Divers logbook



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