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Full Day Virtual Summer Camp Explores Marine Science & Ocean Conservation

The Marine Mammal Center, the Largest Marine Mammal Hospital and Education Center In The World, Transforms Summer Camp To Online With Easy At Home Projects

SAUSALITO, Calif (June 18, 2020): The Marine Mammal Center in Sausalito, CA, the world's largest marine mammal hospital and education center, has transformed its popular onsite annual Camp Sea Quest into an online education and virtual camp experience for upper elementary and middle school students. The week-long camp, starting in July, allows youth to dive into marine science and ocean conservation from the comfort of their home and helps provide families with a fun and flexible education opportunity during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our educators and counselors are excited to continue to provide kids the chance to take a deep dive into marine science and ocean conservation by transforming Camp Sea Quest online this year," said Dr. Jeff Boehm, CEO of The Marine Mammal Center. "This S.T.E.M.-aligned summer camp is a safe and fun learning experience for the whole family to enjoy during these trying times."

Through its interactive and virtual community, Camp Sea Quest 2020 will kick off each day with an hour-long Sea Circle where campers will have the opportunity to build relationships with other campers and staff members before exploring the theme of the day independently. Campers will choose from a menu of science-based activities, such as experiments, crafts, monitoring animal behavior and marine mammal identification. Each activity can easily be done at home and can be accomplished with common household items or materials provided by The Marine Mammal Center beforehand. Campers will then join an afternoon group closing session, where they will review and share their findings. Participation in Camp Sea Quest is designed to encourage and empower youth to positively impact their communities and develop leadership, teambuilding, communication and problem-solving skills.

In March, The Marine Mammal Center released a series of online learning resources as an aid to families and teachers amidst national school shutdowns due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The resources are intended to aid families and teachers in guiding youth to learn more about marine mammal health, science, and conservation through a series of easy to understand learning activities. The resources include education guides based on the IMAX feature film, 'Sea Lions: Life by a Whisker,' which is set to be released in the coming months. The learning activities can be downloaded at:

www.marinemammalcenter.org/education/online-learning-resources/.

About The Marine Mammal Center

At The Marine Mammal Center, we are guided and inspired by a shared vision of a healthy ocean for marine mammals and humans alike. Our mission is to advance global ocean

conservation through marine mammal rescue and rehabilitation, scientific research, and education. Since 1975, the Center has been headquartered in the Marin Headlands, Sausalito, Calif., within the Golden Gate National Parks and has rescued and treated more than 20,000 marine mammals. In 2014, the Center opened Ke Kai Ola, a hospital dedicated to the recovery of the endangered Hawaiian monk seal, in Kailua-Kona, Hawai'i. The Marine Mammal Center is the largest marine mammal hospital and education center in the world. The Center's teaching hospital and training experts travel to work with emerging first responder teams in locations around the globe.

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