

# DolphinCamp

## Application



**Directions:** Please download into your computer. Complete all of the information and then either

- scan and email to [education@dolphins.org](mailto:education@dolphins.org)
- fax to (305) 743- 7627 Attention DolphinLab Reservations
- mail to Dolphin Research Center Attention DolphinLab Reservations 58901 Overseas Highway Grassy Key, FL 33050

If you have any questions, contact the Education Department at (305) 289-1121 ext. 207 or send email to [education@dolphins.org](mailto:education@dolphins.org)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Parent Guardian Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Home  
Parent/Guardian Work Parent/Guardian Cell  
Student Cell

Parent/Guardian Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address Parents or guardian: \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*\*Please provide a current email address as your child's program photos will be sent to this address within one week of the completion of the program.*

Student's Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Permanent Street Address City/State/Postal Code & Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Student's Birthdate: \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_ Gender: M  F

Student's Education: Grade Level Completed: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone & Cell #'s  
Name/Relationship

**Reservations Data:** Provide dates for the DolphinCamp you are applying for. Indicate if you are interested in being put on "standby" should the class be full. Housing accommodations consist of a two-story **dormitory** with four bedrooms sleeping up to 4 people per room on **bunk beds**

**I am applying for (please check one):**

- DolphinCamp for ages 10-12  DolphinCamp for ages 13-14

- Dates:  6/11-6/17/16  6/25-7/01/16  
 6/18-6/24/16  7/02-7/8/16



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**Note: All *DolphinCamp* courses require the student to function independently, possess the social skills to work with fellow students in both individual and group situations, to follow instructions for both student and animal safety, to refrain from disruptive behavior or behavior that results in classmates feeling uncomfortable, and to successfully integrate with fellow students through positive interactions.**

**Please note the following:**

- The dormitory is accessed by stairs and is approximately a 150 yard walk from DRC.
- One may not participate in activities involving direct interaction with the dolphins if he/she has any respiratory infection, open sores or other outward signs of illness; or if any physical conditions exist that might place him/her at an increased risk.
- Women may not participate in activities involving direct interaction with the dolphins if they are pregnant

The Lab environment is very different from home. **It is essential that you describe, below, any dietary restrictions, health conditions or disabilities** that might either warrant special consideration or possibly interfere with your child’s ability to participate in any portion of the program. Please answer the following questions honestly and completely, and attach additional information. *DolphinCamp* is a rigorous, physically demanding program that involves walking, standing, and sitting for long periods in the Florida Keys sun and heat. Please understand it is the student’s responsibility to participate in the entire program including work, play, values sharing, and living together. By signing this application, you are confirming that your child has the ability to independently participate in the *DolphinCamp* program in its entirety; that you have explained these requirements to your child; and that your child understands the requirements of the program. Dolphin Research Center reserves the right to dismiss any student that does not meet the requirements of the program, and a refund will not be authorized.

Allergies (& severity): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physical Limitations: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Behavior Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Developmental Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Other physical or emotional issues: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Restrictions/conditions/disabilities: \_\_\_\_\_

Please call me to discuss the above challenges- phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*Dietary needs: Please check all that apply:*

- Regular diet-no restrictions**
- Vegetarian**
- Vegan**
- Lactose intolerant**
- Gluten intolerant**
- Specific food allergies** \_\_\_\_\_
- Other** \_\_\_\_\_

**For each of the following, check the column that best describes you:**

	Low or None	Fair	Good	Excellent	Comments
Marine mammal knowledge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
English language skills	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**Provide a brief answer to each of the following**

1. How did you originally hear about... (Please name your sources specifically.)

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| Dolphin Research Center?                           | DolphinLab?  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> friend/relative           | <input type="checkbox"/> friend/relative           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> school/other organization | <input type="checkbox"/> school/other organization |
| <input type="checkbox"/> book/article              | <input type="checkbox"/> book/article              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TV/radio program          | <input type="checkbox"/> TV/radio program          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> lecture/presentation      | <input type="checkbox"/> lecture/presentation      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> internet                  | <input type="checkbox"/> internet                  |



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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Facebook   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Facebook   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | other_____ | <input type="checkbox"/> | other_____ |

2. Describe any previous activity or involvement with DRC

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|--------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DRC Visit         | <input type="checkbox"/> | DolphinLab/Camp Include dates if known_____     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Dolphin Encounter | <input type="checkbox"/> | Intern or Volunteer Include dates if known_____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | DRC Membership    | <input type="checkbox"/> | other_____                                      |

3. Describe any activity or involvement with other environmental, conservation or animal related organizations.

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4. Describe your prior experience or exposure to dolphins or marine mammals in general.

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5. What are your personal goals and expectations in attending DolphinLab? Please include any specific areas of interest.

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**Forms & Waivers-This form is found in the Supplemental Information packet  
I have read and agree to all the terms in the following documents (check the box)**

Stranding Protocol

**Sign and date application.**

**You must complete the credit card authorization form found in the DolphinLab/Camp Resource Library and authorize full payment using a credit card. If you want to make payment by check please contact the Education Department at (305) 289-1121 ext. 225.**

**Your credit card will hold the spot in the program, however we will not charge the credit card until we confirm the program. Your enrollment will be confirmed by email.**

**Cancellations made less than 60 days before the class are not eligible for a refund regardless of reason, including weather and medical emergencies. Please note that hurricane season extends from June through November, with the most active time frame being in September. Therefore, we recommend that you purchase trip insurance through your travel agent to cover the cost of *DolphinLab* and travel for such events. In the event of a weather-related event, such as a hurricane or tropical storm, *DolphinCamp/DolphinLab* classes will be suspended. Each weather event is unique and the safety of our students is of the utmost priority. Dolphin Research Center will assist our travel agent and parents in rescheduling flights and transporting students to the respective airport (Key West, Miami International, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood International) for evacuation.**



*\* Dolphin Research Center would appreciate your help with connecting DolphinLab students. Please provide your signature below if you would like to grant DolphinLab staff the right to share your name, telephone number and email address with other DolphinLab students signed up for your class.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



*Parent/Guardian & Participant: You must print, sign and return this form to Dolphin Research Center at the time of submitting your application.*

**Your signature verifies you provided honest and accurate information in each section of this application. Your signature and your child's signature verify understanding that the *DolphinCamp* program is a rigorous, physically demanding program that involves walking, standing, and sitting for long periods in the Florida Keys sun and heat. *You and the participant understand that it is the minor's responsibility to participate in the entire program including work, play, values sharing, and living together. Your signature verifies you have reviewed the rules with your child and that your child both understands, and will abide by the rules of the program. You explained to your child that violation of rules related to (but not limited to) alcohol, drugs, inappropriate conversations/contact, tobacco, violence/bullying, disruptive behavior, making fellow classmates uncomfortable, or disregard for the rules will result in a dismissal from the program. By signing this application, you and your child confirm that (s)he has the ability to independently participate in the *DolphinCamp* program. Dolphin Research Center reserves the right to dismiss any student that does not meet the requirements of the program, and a refund will not be authorized.***

\_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Applicant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_ Date  
Parent/Guardian Signature

Camp attending and Dates of Camp: \_\_\_\_\_



## Supplemental Information Packet for *Teen DolphinLab/DolphinCamp*

Thank you for applying for Teen DolphinLab or DolphinCamp. This packet contains forms that are part of your application. Some of them must be printed, signed and returned to Dolphin Research Center. Some must be reviewed by you and your child, and you will acknowledge that you have done so on your application. You may print any of these forms for your records.

**Teen/Youth Confirmation Information:** This contains important information on travel arrangements, what to bring, weather, schedule of activities, lodging and meals, and our cancellation policy. We suggest you print for future reference.

The following forms must be reviewed, acknowledged and agreed to by you and your child on the application:

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- mail to Dolphin Research Center Attention DolphinLab Reservations 58901 Overseas Highway Grassy Key, FL 33050
  - **Parental Advisory**
  - **DolphinLab Rules and Guidelines for Minors**
  - **Medical Consent Form**
  - **DolphinLab/Camp Program Waiver**
  - **Teen/Youth Travel Form**
  - **Registration Agreement**
  - **Turtle Hospital Waiver**





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## Teen/Youth Confirmation Information

### Travel Information and Transportation Arrangements

#### Travel Arrangements: Key West Airport:

Parents: If you will be using Dolphin Research Center to pick up and drop off your child at the Key West airport we have **very strict** drop off and pickup times.

Key West airport is 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hours away from DRC so it is not easy to coordinate a shuttle pickup and drop off for 14 students. It is VERY IMPORTANT that you only book flights that meet time frames that fall between the pickup and drop off times listed in this document. This means that arrival times must **not be any later** than 15 minutes prior to the end of our pick-up time as your child will need time to get his/her luggage. This also means that departure flights must be **no earlier** than 30 minutes after the initial shuttle drop off time and **no later** than 15 minutes prior to the end of the drop off time. Again, your child will need at least 15-30 minutes to check into the airline and get through security. Due to safety and liability reasons **DRC will not leave any child under the age of 18 alone at the airport or anywhere else.** Please do not ask us to make exceptions. We are a small facility and do not have the staffing to accommodate special requests, especially when dealing with a group of 14 at a time. Should you make flight arrangements that do not meet the guidelines set forth we will ask you to rebook your flight. We will not give tuition refunds due to inappropriately booked flight times that cannot be re-arranged. We appreciate your help in this matter as it allows us to provide your child and the rest of the class with the best possible program experience. If you have any questions about this please contact us prior to making the airline reservations.

**Because of this it is important to make travel arrangements as soon as possible. Check with our travel agent, Nancy Kimbrough for assistance.**

#### Travel Agent

Nancy Kimbrough

Phone: (303) 444-0220

[Dolphindreams@post.com](mailto:Dolphindreams@post.com)

Fax: (303) 449-3260

#### Arrival:

DRC will provide pickup service at the Key West airport. Our only scheduled pick up time starts at 10:30 AM on the first day of class (Saturday). We stay at the airport until 12:30 PM. Please be certain that the student's flight arrives no later than 12:15 PM

#### Departure

Class activities end at 9:30 a.m. on the last day of class. DRC will provide drop off service to the Key West airport on the last day of class. We depart DRC for the Key West airport at 9:45 a.m. It is a 1 1/4 to 1 1/2 hour trip to Key West. We will be at the Key West airport from 11:15 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. at the latest. Since they are minors, we cannot leave a student unattended at the airport under any circumstances. Please be certain that flight times are between 11:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *Youths under the age of 18 will need a picture photo ID to be admitted onto a plane. You can go to the Department of Motor Vehicle to get a state ID with a photo.*

Youth between the ages of 10-14 may be required to have their parents fill out an **“Unaccompanied Minor” form** at the airport during check in. *This is mandatory by most airline policies. Please check with your airline about their specific rules regarding unaccompanied minors.*

**DRC needs to know if your child is travelling as an unaccompanied minor-please note this on the Teen/Youth Travel form**



In addition, *most airlines charge a fee for escorting unaccompanied minors*. Each airline varies with their charges. Generally, there is a charge for every leg of the trip. **Parents are responsible for paying the unaccompanied minor fee for all legs of airline travel (i.e. round trip) up front, prior to arrival at DRC.** If the student arrives without the fee paid for the return trip, the funds will need to be wired to DRC within 24 hours and will be subject to an additional processing fee. **Also keep in mind that many airlines are now charging to check-in bags. Please make sure that your child has money for this on the return flight. DRC will not be responsible for covering any airline baggage fees.**

## **Travel Arrangements Bringing Your Child to Dolphin Research Center**

### **Arrival**

You may choose to escort your child to DRC via your own personal vehicle. You can access the Florida Keys via the Florida Turnpike. As the turnpike begins to enter the Miami area, follow the signs that lead to the Key West/Homestead Turnpike Extension. The turnpike extension dead ends into U.S. 1 (Overseas Highway) at Florida City. DRC is located 65 miles south of Florida City on U.S. 1 (approximately mile marker #59). If you choose this option, you must plan on arriving at the DolphinLab dormitory at 2 p.m. on the first day of class. The dorm is located on the Gulf side of Grassy Key (the right side as you travel south on U.S. 1), just past Mile Marker 59 and just before the Gulf View Motel. The dorm is not easily visible from the highway. Heading south, once you pass DRC's facility, watch for a blue mailbox with the number 58763 on it. The entrance to the dorm is located around the back of the building. The dormitory will be available for check-in from 2:00-2:30 p.m. on the first day of class. *Students will not be able to access the dormitory until 2:00 p.m. and can not be dropped off at DRC.*

**Please Note: Class officially begins at 2:30 p.m. at the dormitory.** Please understand that due to the busy class schedule, transportation cannot be provided by Dolphin Research Center for any students arriving earlier or later than the designated Key West Airport pickup time. DRC is unable to provide lodging before or after the class due to our other program schedules.

### **Departure**

If your child is not using the DRC shuttle to the Key West airport, a parent or legal guardian must collect him/her at Dolphin Research Center at the conclusion of activities on Friday at 9:30 am. In the interest of safety, *students will be released only into the custody of a parent or legal guardian who shows proper identification.* Also, we cannot accommodate your child on the DRC grounds after check out on the last day.

After completing your child's travel arrangements, remember to complete and return the Travel Information sheet. Please keep the Education Department advised of any changes to his/her travel plans. Should you experience any last minute travel delays or problems on the first day of class, call (305) 289-1121 ext. 225 before 4:30 p.m., or (305) 743-8840 (dorm) after 4:30 p.m.

## **What to Bring**

The atmosphere at DRC and the Keys in general is extremely casual. Keep in mind that your child will be living out of a suitcase for the week, so you should pack accordingly. Laundry facilities are not available. Consider packing light, and leaving room for souvenirs or purchases that your child may acquire during his/her visit. If your child is traveling by air, you may want to consider packing a bathing suit, change of clothing and essential articles in a carry-on bag, as occasionally some items of checked luggage are delayed in arriving to the Keys. The following list will aid you in deciding what to pack.

### **Your child will definitely need:**

**Swimsuits** - at least two (a one-piece suit is preferable for in water interactions with the dolphins)

**Clothing** - enough for one week, casual style, mostly shorts, tee shirts, and tank tops, one pair of long pants, one long sleeved shirt for sun protection or chilly weather, light jacket or sweatshirt (see weather tips below). Many students also find it more comfortable to have a long-sleeve while in the air conditioned classroom.

### **Watch**



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**Personal toiletries** - soap, shampoo, prescriptions or medications, etc.

**Sunglasses** - with UV protection

**Hat, cap, or sun visor**

**Sun-block** - at least SPF 15, even in winter

**Water bottle or re-usable cup** - Water fountains often are not convenient during outdoor activities.

**Flashlight/small reading light**

**Rainy weather gear** - poncho or raincoat, with hood or hat

**Shoes** - one pair of comfortable walking shoes or sandals and one pair of easy on/off shoes that can get wet, preferably with good tread on soles

**Insect repellent** - Mosquitoes breed all year round; we also have ants and "no-see-ums" which are small biting gnats.

**Beach towel or large bath towel** - Two towels and a washcloth are provided for the week at the dorm, but students will need a towel to use at DRC after in-water activities.

**A camera**

**Extra cash** - DolphinLab tuition covers all expenses for the week. If however, your child plans to make gift shop purchases, you will probably want to send extra cash. There is no bank or ATM located near DRC. *Please also note information about "student spending money" in the Parental Advisory Letter.*

**Backpack or canvas tote bag**

**Proof of medical insurance** - in case of emergency

**You may want to consider:**

**Binoculars**

**Alarm clock**

**Dive skin, farmer johns, or wetsuit jacket** - see weather tips below

**Literature and activities to share** - We welcome any literature that students would like to share with fellow students and staff concerning marine mammals and the marine environment.

**Notebook/Journal** - for your child's own use

### **Florida Keys Weather Tips**

**Summer** - Yes, the Keys are hot and humid during summer, but not any worse than many cities in the North. Temperatures rarely exceed 92 degrees (although the humidity can make it seem hotter) and tropical breezes usually blow cool relief our way. Besides, we have invented air conditioning down here! What gets to most visitors during this time is the sun, especially since many activities are conducted outdoors. The sun can be INTENSE; be sure to pack plenty of protection in the form of sun-block and hats. No matter how good your base tan, if you are not from South Florida, YOU WILL BURN! That is a promise. You may also want to consider packing a light-weight, long-sleeve shirt to cover your child up with when he/she's had a little too much sun. Summer brings more rain, most often in the afternoon, and the water is warmer (80's to low 90's) and usually calmer than the winter months.

### **Schedule and Activities**

The Dolphin Camp/Teen programs are designed to provide a unique blend of formal classroom activities, discussions, and workshops with various observational and hands-on learning opportunities. In addition to the classroom activities and workshops, each student is scheduled for two dolphin swims and other interactive sessions with the dolphins. **You should keep in mind that even though dolphin interaction activities are scheduled, they are not guaranteed. Participation on the part of the dolphins is their choice; they are not "forced" to interact with humans.**

### **Lodging and Meals**



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Lodging consists of a centrally air-conditioned dormitory with four bedrooms which sleep up to four people per room on bunk beds. Each bedroom has two adjoining bathrooms, shared by those occupying the bedroom. The dormitory is accessed by stairs and is approximately 150 yards from DRC. One set of bed linens and one set of bath linens are provided (bath linen set includes two towels and a wash cloth). Students who prefer to make other living arrangements are not eligible for a tuition discount. Meals are home cooked and served family style. A telephone is available for student use at the dorm. Students may be contacted by friends or family after DRC hours at the dorm at (305) 743-8840. *Please note, there is no long distance access at the dorm. Students will need a phone card to call home. Please also note cell phone policies in Parental Advisory Letter.*

### **Cancellation Policy**

Cancellation of a confirmed reservation **must be received in writing**. If a cancellation is received more than 60 days before the start of your child's class, your payment minus a processing fee of \$35.00 will be refunded to you. ***Cancellations made less than 60 days before the class are not eligible for a refund regardless of reason, including medical and weather emergencies.*** Please note that Hurricane season extends from June to November, with the most active time frame being in September. Therefore, we recommend that you purchase trip insurance through your travel agent to cover the cost of tuition and travel for such events. Please note that trip cancellation insurance (includes hurricane coverage) is available through our travel agent, Nancy Kimbrough at 303-444-0220.



## ***PARENTAL ADVISORY***

*Parent/Guardian/Camper:*

*Please review the information with your child, and after reading, both you and your child must sign to verify that you have read and agree to all of the terms. Please return this signed form to Dolphin Research Center.*

### **☐ Class gender breakdown**

Please note that we cannot guarantee the number of boys or girls in any given class. We have no control of if and when students apply and therefore cannot guarantee your child will have another of the same gender in a particular course. Should you be concerned about a gender issue, you must inform us prior to the confirmation of a class. We do not volunteer class composition information unless asked. If this is an issue for this child, please inquire about the gender breakdown of the class before submitting your final payment. You **will not** be issued a tuition refund due to the gender break down of the class.

### **☐ Cell phones/i-Pods/other electronics**

Please note that in order to facilitate a cohesive, educational, interactive and healthy atmosphere among the students, use of electronics equipment, including computers, i-pods, gaming units and cell phones, is restricted during the program. Students will not be allowed to use any personal electronic equipment during the length of their stay other than their personal cell phones at designated times. Students will check in all electronic equipment with the chaperone at the dormitory upon the start of the programming. All equipment will be returned to them at the conclusion of the program. During the evening students will be given an hour to use their cell phones between 5:30-6:30 p.m. EST. Additionally we do not allow any electronic equipment in the upstairs sleeping area so as not to disturb other students. Should you need to contact your child outside of the times listed you may call 305/289-1121 x225 (DRC) during the day and 305/743-8840 (dormitory) after 6:30 p.m. EST. Please note that minors will not be allowed internet access during the week due to the inability to restrict or supervise the appropriateness of the content they view. As many cell phones now have internet access this means that the designated time for cell phone use will be monitored to insure phones are used for calling/texting purposes only.

### **☐ Individual spending money**

Many students wish to make purchases in the gift shop. Two of the most popular purchases are dolphin painted t-shirts (\$35.00 for students) and silver or gold pendant replicas of our dolphins' tails (approximately \$45 - \$336). These prices are subject to change. There is no ATM on DRC grounds. Teen & Youth students will need to bring all necessary funds with them.

Students may ask the instructor to keep their money locked up at DRC for security during the day.

Should you provide your child with a credit card, we will need to have a signed authorization letter for them to use it, and for what purpose. Please note we will **NOT** be responsible for monitoring the amount they choose to spend on a credit card as they will have multiple opportunities to visit the Gift Shop during the week. Additionally, we cannot set up a spending account for your child. DRC does not take personal checks for gift shop purchases. You will need to send them with cash, traveler's checks or an actual credit card with a signed letter of authorization.

Also keep in mind that many airlines are now charging to check-in bags. Please make sure that your child has money for this on the return flight. DRC will NOT be responsible for covering any airline baggage fees. If your child does not have the money to pay the airline, we will make arrangements to ship the bag(s) and contact you for up-front payment of shipping costs plus a \$50.00 fee for our processing.

### **☐ Items left behind at the end of the DolphinCamp/Lab**

While we thoroughly check the dormitory before and after our students depart, DRC will not be held responsible for any personal belongings that have been left behind. Remind your child to carefully check to be sure they have all of their personal possessions before they leave. Should we find any belongings that you wish to have shipped back to your home address, there will be a minimum flat-rate charge of \$10.00 for shipping/handling. We reserve



the right to increase this amount should the actual shipping cost of the item be of a size/weight that exceeds our standard rate.

**☐ Parental visits**

All students must stay at the dorm during the program. *Parents may not remove students during any part of the program (daytime or evening)* as it takes away from their program experience and ability to bond with other students. Parents may visit DRC with free admission to watch their child during the last dolphin activity on Friday morning at 9 a.m. EST. When you arrive let the Gift Shop know you have a child in DolphinLab/Camp. On all other days parents will be responsible for admission charges should they wish to visit DRC.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Minor Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

***PARENTAL ADVISORY (continued)***

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*For the parent/guardian:* My signature above verifies I have reviewed the rules with my child and that my child both understands, and will abide by the rules of the program. I explained to my child that violation of rules related to (but not limited to) alcohol, drugs, inappropriate conversations/contact, tobacco, violence/bullying, disruptive behavior, making fellow classmates uncomfortable, or disregard for the rules will result in a dismissal from the program. I understand that homesickness, minor illness, change of family plans, dismissal from the program and personal schedule changes/conflicts are not sufficient grounds for a refund. I understand, and explained to my child that the *DolphinCamp* program is a rigorous, physically demanding program that involves walking, standing, and sitting for long periods in the Florida Keys sun and heat, and that it is my child's responsibility to participate in the entire program including work, play, values sharing, and living together. By signing this Advisory, I confirm that my child has the ability to independently participate in the *DolphinCamp* program. I understand that Dolphin Research Center reserves the right to dismiss any student that does not meet the requirements of the program, and a refund will not be authorized.



## DolphinLab/Camp Rules and Guidelines for Minors

*Parent/Guardian/Camper:*

*Please review the information with your child, and after reading, both you and your child must sign to verify that you have read and agree to all of the terms. Please return this signed form to Dolphin Research Center.*

The following rules and guidelines apply to all DolphinLab students under the age of eighteen and must be agreed upon by both the student and the student's parent or legal guardian:

1. Students will not drive or ride in or on any motor vehicle other than the approved DRC vehicle. This rule applies to the time period from arrival on the first day until departure on the last day. Special exceptions to this rule must be approved by the parent or legal guardian in advance of the class and communicated to the DRC Education Department in writing.
2. Students will attend all classes and activities in a prompt and timely manner unless otherwise excused by a group chaperone or an appropriate DRC Education staff member.
3. Students may not leave dormitory grounds or DRC grounds unless given express permission or directed to do so by a group chaperone or an appropriate DRC Education staff member.
4. During the Camp/Teen session should parents, guardians, and relatives leave their place of residence for an extended period, it is the parent/guardian/relative's responsibility to notify Dolphin Research Center where they can be reached in case of emergency.
5. "Quiet hours" for Teens at the dormitory are from 10:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. Youth "Quiet hours" are 9:00pm. During quiet hours, students should remain in their appointed sleeping rooms with the lights out unless otherwise approved by a group chaperone or an appropriate DRC Education staff member.
6. The dormitory is coed; individual sleeping rooms are not. Students may not socialize in dorm rooms designated for members of the opposite sex.
7. Food is not allowed in the dormitory sleeping rooms or the DRC van. **Shorts** and **shoes** are required at all times during DolphinLab activities.
8. The student and parent agrees to be held responsible for any damages or property destruction that results from the student's negligence or abuse.
9. Possession or use of alcohol, cigarettes, nonprescription drugs or any other controlled substance will not be tolerated and will result in immediate dismissal. Prescription drugs must be approved by the parent and that approval communicated in writing to the DRC Education Department or group chaperone prior to the class. If suspicion of violating this rule exists, DRC management reserves the right to search anywhere on DRC property, including the DolphinLab Dormitory, for controlled substances and to ask any student under DRC supervision to show their personal possessions.
10. Students will not engage in any abusive, disrespectful or disruptive behavior towards their classmates, chaperones, instructors, DRC staff members, DRC guests and DRC resident animals. (Examples of this type of behavior include but are not limited to: abusive language or gestures, physical abuse, inappropriate rowdiness or raucousness, property theft, seminar disruptions, etc.)
11. Students will abide by all local, state and federal laws.
12. Students will obey DRC staff members and chaperones at all times and will honor all other rules or instructions that may arise throughout the course of the week.
13. All rules and policies are strictly enforced as the safety and security of our participants is of utmost importance to Dolphin Research Center. Therefore, any criminal act(s) or failure to abide by camp rules will result in dismissal from the program with NO REFUND. Additionally, parents, guardians, or relatives are responsible for picking up their camper at Dolphin Research Center should it become necessary for the camper to return home. Dolphin Research Center is not responsible for additional expenses accrued.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## DolphinLab/Camp Rules and Guidelines for Minors (continued)

*Parent/Guardian/Camper:*

*Please review the information with your child, and after reading, both you and your child must sign to verify that you have read and agree to all of the terms. Please return this signed form to Dolphin Research Center.*

**For the Participant:** I understand that I am coming to *DolphinCamp* to acquire knowledge, be a team player, and have a good time. I understand that there are guidelines I must follow in order for everyone to have a safe and fun experience, and that if I do not follow these, I will be dismissed from the program. I agree to abide by Dolphin Research Center's *Rules and Guidelines for Minors* including being considerate to fellow Campers, cooperating with my instructors, and practicing good personal hygiene and health habits. I agree not



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to have any illegal drugs, firearms, weapons, or alcohol while participating in the *DolphinCamp* programs. I understand *DolphinCamp* is a rigorous, physically demanding program that involves walking, standing, and sitting for long periods in the Florida Keys sun and heat. I understand it is my responsibility to participate in the entire program including work, play, values sharing, and living together. I confirm that I have the ability to independently participate in the *DolphinCamp* program.

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Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**For the parent/guardian:** My signature verifies I have reviewed the rules with my child and that my child both understands, and will abide by the rules of the program. I explained to my child that violation of rules related to (but not limited to) alcohol, drugs, inappropriate conversations/contact, tobacco, violence/bullying, disruptive behavior, making fellow classmates uncomfortable, or disregard for the rules will result in a dismissal from the program. I understand that homesickness, minor illness, change of family plans, dismissal from the program and personal schedule changes/conflicts are not sufficient grounds for a refund. I understand, and explained to my child that the *DolphinCamp* program is a rigorous, physically demanding program that involves walking, standing, and sitting for long periods in the Florida Keys sun and heat, and that it is my child's responsibility to participate in the entire program including work, play, values sharing, and living together. By signing the *Rules and Guidelines for Minors*, I confirm that my child has the ability to independently participate in the *DolphinCamp* program. I understand that Dolphin Research Center reserves the right to dismiss any student that does not meet the requirements of the program, and a refund will not be authorized.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**For Parent/Guardian and Participant:** I am aware that activities and schedules are subject to change at the discretion of Dolphin Research Center, and that these activities may not be rescheduled during the program. Participation in the *DolphinCamp* program requires: the individual be social; comfortable and able to work in a group setting; the ability to listen to and abide by instructions; practice good health habits and personal hygiene; the ability to function independently throughout the week; to refrain from disruptive behavior; and to successfully integrate with fellow students through positive interactions.

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Participant Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Both parent (or legal guardian) and the minor acknowledge that they have read and agree that said minor will obey all rules listed above at all times throughout the course. Infraction of the above rules may result in dismissal from the program, in which case the parent will be responsible for arranging and securing transportation to return the minor home. Neither DRC nor DRC's appointed chaperones will be held responsible for any additional costs incurred as a result of dismissal, nor will the course tuition be refunded.



# DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER

## Teen DolphinLab/Dolphin Camp Program Waiver

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NOTICE TO THE MINOR CHILD'S PARENT/ NATURAL GUARDIAN  
*AS REQUIRED BY, AND IN COMPLIANCE WITH, FLORIDA STATUTES 744.301*  
*PLEASE READ BEFORE SIGNING*

READ THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND CAREFULLY. YOU ARE AGREEING TO LET YOUR MINOR CHILD ENGAGE IN A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITY. YOU ARE AGREEING THAT, EVEN IF DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER USES REASONABLE CARE IN PROVIDING THIS ACTIVITY, THERE IS A CHANCE YOUR CHILD MAY BE SERIOUSLY INJURED OR KILLED BY PARTICIPATING IN THIS ACTIVITY BECAUSE THERE ARE CERTAIN DANGERS INHERENT IN THE ACTIVITY WHICH CANNOT BE AVOIDED OR ELIMINATED. BY SIGNING THIS FORM YOU ARE GIVING UP YOUR CHILD'S RIGHT AND YOUR RIGHT TO RECOVER FROM DOLPHIN

RESEARCH CENTER IN A LAWSUIT FOR ANY PERSONAL INJURY, INCLUDING DEATH, TO YOUR CHILD OR ANY PROPERTY DAMAGE THAT RESULTS FROM THE RISKS THAT ARE A NATURAL PART OF THIS ACTIVITY. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO SIGN THIS FORM, AND DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER HAS THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO LET YOUR CHILD PARTICIPATE IF YOU DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM.

THE UNDERSIGNED recognizes and acknowledges that the Dolphin Research Center ("DRC") DolphinLab Swim-with-the-Dolphins Program ("DolphinLab") is a vigorous physical activity that involves risks of bodily injuries, both known and unknown, including, without limitation, bruises, scrapes, abrasions, infections, broken bones, trauma, fear and mental anguish and property damages, both known and unknown. DolphinLab, which occurs in a natural environment, also involves risks of bodily injuries and illnesses from indigenous marine life, both known and unknown, including, without limitation, possible dermal irritation, caused by sensitivity to water-borne irritants and possible infections caused by susceptibility to water-borne pathogens. Further, if the undersigned or any of the swimmer(s) listed below (the "Minor Participants") choose to participate in the sea lion demonstration, the undersigned acknowledges and accepts the risk that sea lions are capable of and have been known to strike with their snouts and bite, resulting in the risk of bodily injuries, both known and unknown, including, without limitation, bruises, scrapes, abrasions, infections, broken bones, trauma, fear and mental anguish and property damage, both known and unknown.

The undersigned certifies that neither he/she nor any Minor Participant(s) has any respiratory infection, open sores, or other outward signs of illness. The undersigned further certifies that he/she and the Minor Participant(s) are in good physical health and have no illnesses, disability, injury or physical condition, including pregnancy, which would prevent or hinder their safe participation in the DolphinLab Program.

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, both individually and/or as guardian of the Minor Participant(s), hereby assumes each of the risks described above, and releases and discharges DRC, its officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, and all volunteers from any and all actions, causes of action, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, compensation and all consequential or other damages now accrued or hereafter to accrue to or for the benefit of the undersigned or the Minor Participant(s) as a result of any act(s), omission(s) and/or negligence of the Dolphin Research Center, its officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, and all volunteers, specifically including, without limitation, any personal injury or property damage incurred while at DRC, DRC's Dormitory located at 58763 Overseas Highway, Grassy Key, FL 33050, or in any vehicle of DRC.

The undersigned, both individually and/or as guardian of the Minor Participant(s), also agrees that any photographs taken or audio-visual recordings (including film or videotapes) made at the Dolphin Research Center will be used only for private, non-commercial purposes, and that no other use (whether commercial or non-commercial) of such photographs or recordings will be made without the prior written authorization of DRC. The undersigned further consents to the making, use, and reproduction by the DRC or anyone authorized by the DRC of photographs, video recordings, or



film of his/her or the Minor Participants' images while engaged in DolphinLab for any purpose whatsoever in connection with the DRC's activities, without compensation to the undersigned.

The undersigned acknowledges and also agrees to the terms of the Cancellation Policy; that cancellations are made, in writing only, 60 days prior to the start of the scheduled class. Cancellations thus received, prior to the 60 day deadline, are entitled to a refund of the deposit, minus a \$35.00 processing fee. All cancellations received after the 60 day deadline will forfeit their class reservation and not be entitled to a refund. Requests to reschedule a class will be subject to the same terms as outlined above for cancellations.

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read, understands and fully agrees to the above.

**Signature of participant and/or legal guardian:**

Name (Please Print Clearly): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Class Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Participant's Name (Please Print Clearly):

\_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_





# MEDICAL TREATMENT CONSENT FORM

In case of medical emergency while my child is attending DolphinLab/Camp, I authorize the Dolphin Research Center staff to obtain any emergency treatment necessary for my daughter/son's health and safety. I will be responsible for any medical bills or other resulting costs.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dates of DolphinLab/Camp: \_\_\_\_\_

## ***Medical Insurance Information:***

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Policy Number: \_\_\_\_\_

*I authorize Dolphin Research Center to administer over-the-counter medications to my child in accordance with allergies, headaches, stomachaches, colds and seasickness. In particular, I understand that my child may be given Dramamine or Triptone (seasickness preventive medication) prior to the snorkeling trip. I understand that students are responsible for administering their own prescription medications or any other medication that they bring with them.*

Allergies or other pertinent health information. Please list any medications (prescription or otherwise) your child currently takes, frequency, and dosage.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Any participant with a seizure disorder must provide a doctor's release stating that the person is able to participate fully and safely in the program. Does the participant have a seizure disorder? (Please circle) YES NO If "yes", the doctor's office must fax a release to 305-743-7627 c/o Education.

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent's Signature:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Teen/Youth Travel Information

Parent/Guardian: Please print, sign, and return to Dolphin Research Center.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Print full name as your child would like it to appear on Certificate of Completion

Class Dates: \_\_\_\_\_ to: \_\_\_\_\_

Name Tag \_\_\_\_\_  
Print first name, or nickname, as your child would like it to appear on name tag

### Travel Information

Check the appropriate space concerning your child's travel arrangements and transportation needs. Please be as specific as possible in the information you give. See the Travel Arrangements section of the Confirmation Information for details on travel options and class start and ending times.

For unaccompanied minors, call us no earlier than 5 - 7 days before the flight day for the name of our pickup person. (305) 289-1121 ext 225

*How will your child be traveling to the Keys? Please be specific.*

#### Arrival on first day:

DRC only offers pickup transportation from the Key West airport.

Will your child need transportation to DRC from the Key West Airport?

Yes  No

Arrival Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Airline and Flight #: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your child travelling as an unaccompanied minor?  Yes  No

Parents of student are transporting child to dormitory

Other Please describe in detail \_\_\_\_\_

#### Departure on last day:

DRC only offers drop off transportation to the Key West Airport.

Will your child need transportation from DRC to the Key West Airport at the conclusion of class?

Yes  No

Departure Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Airline and Flight #: \_\_\_\_\_

If student does not require a drop off at the Key West Airport on the last day of class, who will be picking them up at DRC? :

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name/Relationship

If a student is being picked up by any person other than a family member, a release form signed by the student's parent will be required. After completing your child's travel arrangements, please mail us this form. Notify us immediately if there are any changes in your child's travel plans.



# DolphinCamp Registration Agreement

*Parent/Guardian/Participant:*

*Please review the information with your child, and after reading, both you and your child must sign to verify that you have read and agree to all of the terms. Please return this signed form to Dolphin Research Center.*

We understand that the *DolphinCamp* program is a rigorous, physically demanding program that involves walking, standing, and sitting for long periods in the Florida Keys sun and heat. We understand that it is the participant's responsibility to participate in the entire program including work, play, values sharing, and living together. We reviewed the rules and understand that violation of rules related to (but not limited to) alcohol, drugs, inappropriate conversations/contact, tobacco, violence/bullying, disruptive behavior, making fellow classmates uncomfortable, or disregard for the rules will result in a dismissal from the program. We are aware that activities and schedules are subject to change at the discretion of Dolphin Research Center, and that these activities may not be rescheduled during the program. Participation in the *DolphinCamp* program requires: the individual be social; comfortable and able to work in a group setting; the ability to listen to and abide by instructions; practicing good health habits and personal hygiene; the ability to function independently throughout the week; the individual refrain from disruptive behavior; and to successfully integrate with fellow students through positive interactions. We understand that Dolphin Research Center reserves the right to dismiss any student that does not meet the requirements of the program, and a refund will not be authorized.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



# Hidden Harbor Marine Environmental Project, Inc.

## Guided Educational Experience Waiver

THE UNDERSIGNED recognizes and acknowledges that the Hidden Harbor Marine Environmental Project, Inc.'s Guided Educational Experience may include minor physical activity and can be conducted in areas that can be wet and slippery that could involve risks of bodily injuries, both known and unknown, including, without limitation, bruises, scrapes, abrasions, infections, broken bones, trauma and property damage. Also, please be aware that reptiles have the ability to carry the Salmonella bacteria which can cause illness in humans. In areas of the program electronic equipment such as cameras and videos have the ability to become wet or get splashed, resulting damage to the equipment.

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the undersigned, both individually and/or as guardian of the Minor Participant(s), hereby assumes each of the risks described above, and releases and discharges Hidden Harbor Marine Environmental Project, Inc., its officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, and all volunteers from any and all actions, causes of actions, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses, attorney's fees, compensation and all consequential or other damages now accrued or hereafter to accrue to or for the benefit of the undersigned or the Minor Participant(s) as a result of any act(s), omission(s) and/or negligence of Hidden Harbor Marine Environmental Project, Inc., its officers, directors, agents, servants, employees, and all volunteers, specifically including, without limitation, any personal injury or property damage incurred while attending the Guided Educational Experience.

The undersigned, both individually and/or as guardian of the Minor Participant(s), also agree that any photographs taken or audio-visual recordings (including film or video tapes) made at Hidden Harbor Marine Environmental Project, Inc. will be used only for private non-commercial purposes, and that no other use (whether commercial or non-commercial) of such photographs or recordings will be made without the prior written authorization of Hidden Harbor Marine Environmental Project Inc. The undersigned further consents the making, use, and reproduction by Hidden Harbor Marine Environmental Project, Inc.'s, staff or anyone authorized by Hidden Harbor Marine Environmental Project, Inc. of photographs, video recordings, or film of his/her or the Minor Participants' image while engaged in the facility program for any purpose whatsoever in connection with Hidden Harbor Marine Environmental Project, Inc.'s activities, without compensation to the undersigned.

The undersigned acknowledges that he/she has read, understands and fully agrees to the above.

**THIS WAIVER CONTAINS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY FOR NEGLIGENCE. READ IT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.**

Signature of participant and/or legal guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of participant (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor Participant(s) Please print clearly:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: M F

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: M F

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: M F

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE TURTLE HOSPITAL? \_\_\_\_\_



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**Dear *DolphinLab/Camp* Students and Parents,**

Since 2013, more than 1500 dolphins have washed ashore, dead, on the east coast of the United States from New York to Florida. The federal government has declared this an Unusual Mortality Event (UME). A very contagious disease found in whales and dolphins, known as morbillivirus, has been identified as the cause of many of the strandings.

Unfortunately, a wild dolphin found washed ashore in the Florida Keys was the first confirmed case of a morbillivirus death in the region. It is imperative to Dolphin Research Center that we safeguard the beloved dolphins that live here in our family. The public and all of DRC staff and volunteers play important roles in helping us carry out our protective measures. **While humans cannot contract the virus from cetaceans, we can carry the virus on our skin or clothing and transmit it to other dolphins, whales, or porpoises.**

Due to the potential for *DolphinLab/Camp* students to be in close proximity to wild dolphins while on the boat during the snorkel trip, we are suspending this activity for all 2015 *DolphinLab/Camp* classes. We are currently exploring alternatives that **may** include field trips to local environmental/educational attractions such as The Turtle Hospital. We will keep you updated when we confirm the replacement activity for the snorkel trip scheduled in *DolphinCamp* and *Basic DolphinLab*.

We appreciate your understanding in this matter. With your help, we will keep the dolphin family healthy and safe during this serious situation. Please feel free to contact us with any questions. Thank you for your support of Dolphin Research Center, and the well-being of the dolphin family!

Sincerely,

Dolphin Research Center & Education Staff



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## **DolphinLab/Camp Stranding Protocol**

*Parents: Please review the information and after reading notate on the application that you have read and agree to all of the terms. You do **not** need to return this form to Dolphin Research Center.*

To prevent possible contamination risk to our resident dolphins, we need to ask whether you have assisted on any marine mammal strandings. These are occurrences where whales or dolphins are in need of rescue or rehabilitation.

I have visited or assisted in a marine mammal stranding:

Yes:  No

If Yes:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Place: \_\_\_\_\_

While humans and dolphins rarely share diseases, people who come into contact with sick animals can pick up bacteria on their skin or clothing and unknowingly transmit disease from one dolphin to another.

**If you have assisted or visited a marine mammal stranding, whether in the water or not, this is the protocol that must be followed before coming to DolphinLab:**

- Any persons attending the stranding, regardless of contact, may not come on to DRC grounds for 48 hours after their last presence at the stranding site and must clean and disinfect themselves thoroughly with a Betadine wash prior to entering DRC grounds.
- Any items that were at the stranding site shall never be brought to DRC, come near our dolphins, or their habitat. This includes any clothing, shoes, hats, glasses, watchbands, booties, skins, wetsuits, gloves, bathing suits or other items regardless of cleaning or disinfecting. (Even if you did not enter the water or come into contact with a stranded animal).
- When in doubt, don't bring any possibly contaminated items to DolphinLab at all! No measure is too great or too small to protect our dolphins.

***Our Dolphins thank you for your cooperation!***

