



DOLPHIN RESEARCH CENTER

Dolphin Research Center is a nonprofit education and research facility located in the beautiful Florida Keys. At DRC, a colony of Atlantic Bottlenose dolphins, California sea lions and the people who care for them are creating a greater understanding and appreciation of marine mammals and the environment. We are dedicated to learning from dolphins and sharing what we learn for the benefit of all species.

Natural seawater lagoons in the Gulf of Mexico, bordered by low perimeter fences, house our dolphin and sea lion family. Many of our dolphins were born at DRC and some have come to us from other facilities.

The health and well-being of the animals in our family hold absolute precedence over all other interests.

We are supported through our programs for daily visitors and memberships by caring individuals who share our goals.

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DolphinLab For Adults



Focused Career Courses in Training and Research



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Teaching...Learning...Caring...

For Marine Mammals
and the
Environment We Share

Internationally-Acclaimed, Hands-On Learning

For anyone who has dreamed of working in the marine mammal field as a trainer or research scientist, Dolphin Research Center's Adult *DolphinLab* courses are second to none. *DolphinLab* provides an invaluable step on your total career path.



Students demonstrate their new skills in dolphin training and public speaking.

All adult courses are fully college-accredited through Florida Keys Community College, so you can earn college credit while you learn from the best teachers of all — the dolphins!

DRC provides a Professional Certificate for each course successfully completed



A Research DolphinLab student assists with one of DRC's cognitive studies.

Each week long course immerses you in the amazing world of dolphins with exciting daily hands-on activities.

With fascinating seminars, observations and discussions, our expert educators and trainers help you expand your knowledge in marine mammal care, training and research as well as the environment and related issues .



A student assists a trainer and dolphin in a medical training session..

For complete information visit:
http://www.dolphins.org/dolphinlab_adult



Marine Mammal Care and Basic Training

Experience hands-on learning in daily dolphin sessions and explore:

- Husbandry Care
- Basic Training
- Diet preparation
- How to feed
- Asking for, reinforcing & maintaining behaviors
- Assisting with medical behaviors
- Informal observations & various seminars
- Interactions with dolphins in the water and from the docks



A student practices giving signals to a dolphin!

Marine Mammal Interpretation

Focuses on improving student understanding and appreciation of the ocean environment and how they may facilitate education of others on the topic. Students will demonstrate an understanding of experiential education through design of interactive signage, learn to create and deliver Power Point presentations, and an understanding and ability to implement live animal interpretation skills through participating in a dolphin session narration for public visitors.

Advanced Marine Mammal Training & Enrichment

Delve deeper into behavioral science, animal care, training and enrichment and build on the knowledge and skills learned in the *Basic Training* class. In this course students:

- Develop and implement a training plan
- Teach new behavior to dolphins in daily hands-on sessions
- Create enrichment toys & activities for dolphins
- Train a new behavior to canine participant
- Assist with dolphin husbandry care, diet prep & record-keeping
- Enjoy in-water interactions with dolphins.



Different training methods are used for different species. Here a student works on a behavior with a staff member's dog.



In-water or out, DolphinLab's a blast!

Cognitive & Behavioral Marine Mammal Research



Students assist research staff with a session.

Research-oriented program surveys extensive knowledge, theories and ongoing investigations concerning dolphins and puts students in the middle of actual DRC studies! Working with staff, students:

- Assist in DRC's research projects
- Learn to conduct behavioral observations
- Gain an understanding of dolphin cognitive abilities
- Learn about dolphin social behavior
- Develop insight into research concepts and methodology
- Observe medical & training sessions
- Experience several interactive programs with the dolphins in the water and from the dock
- Participate in seminars, discussions with staff, and other research-focused activities

Basic DolphinLab

This seven-day program is a prerequisite for taking the other DolphinLab courses as you learn more about these amazing animals and spend time getting to know the resident pod on a deeper, more personal level.. It is also perfect for the supreme dolphin enthusiast.

Students enjoy a variety of in-water and from the dock interactive programs with the dolphins, and a wide variety of seminars, discussions, demonstrations and other activities.

Fees, Requirements & Application Information

Information about costs can be found at www.dolphins.org/dolphinlab_adult

Fee covers all seminars, interactive activities, meals and dormitory-style lodging within walking distance of DRC.

Additional fees are required to obtain college credit, available through the Florida Keys Community College.

Adult courses open to ages 18 and older.

Basic DolphinLab is a prerequisite for the other courses.

Marine Mammal Care & Basic Training is required before taking the Advanced Training course. Younger students can enroll in Teen DolphinLabs (ages 15-17) or Dolphin Camps (Ages 10-12 and 13-14).

To apply, visit www.dolphins.org. Download, print and complete an application. Mail to DRC's Education Department

Advance booking recommended.