

Marine Mammal Summer Camp

July 29-August 7, 2023

This summer, the Faculty of Science at Saint Mary's University and the Canadian Whale Institute are offering a 10-day Marine Mammal Summer Camp for 15 students ages 14 to 17. The camp will be held in two locations: Saint Mary's University in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and Campobello Island, New Brunswick.

During the camp, students will...

- Learn about and practice scientific techniques to study marine mammals, including surveys, photo-identification, acoustic monitoring, DNA analysis, and examination of marine mammal skeletons; students may also observe a marine mammal dissection
- Travel to Campobello, NB, to meet with marine mammal scientists and local fishermen; students will also conduct ocean-based and onshore surveys for marine mammals
- Learn about issues threatening marine mammal populations and how they can help
- Participate in the daily operations of scientific field work

Due to the nature of the camp and the travel involved, there is only space for fifteen campers. Therefore, interested students must apply and be accepted before they register. Regrettably, it is possible that we will not be able to accommodate all students who apply.

Here's what we're looking for in a Marine Mammal Camper:

- Students who have a keen interest in marine mammals, the marine environment, and their protection and conservation
- Students who are motivated and responsible
- Students who are excited to learn and participate
- Students who want hands-on experience conducting scientific research

This application has two parts:

1. Student application form (below), including an attached transcript, report card, or Academic Performance form (download here to fill out at student's school: [Academic Performance Form](#))
2. Student essay (to-be uploaded below)

NOTE: Although academic performance is considered when accepting students into the program, it will not be a primary determinant of acceptance -- weight will be put on student essays as well.

Applications for bursaries are available upon request.

Your application must be received by 5:00 pm AT on April 11, 2023.

Apply by emailing your completed form, essay and transcripts to:
outreach.science@smu.ca

Apply by mail:
Marine Mammal Summer Camp
c/o The Dean of Science Office
Saint Mary's University
923 Robie Street,
Halifax, NS B3H 3C3

Student Application Form

Student Name _____

Preferred first name: _____ Age: _____

Birth Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____ Male Female _____

Citizenship: Canadian Permanent resident Other _____

Home Address: _____

Do you have a valid passport? Yes No

Parent/Guardian (1): _____

Phone # (home): _____ Cell: _____

Work #: _____ Email: _____

Parent/Guardian (2): _____

Phone # (home): _____ Cell: _____

Work #: _____ Email: _____

We want to make sure that we can best accommodate your child at camp.

Does your child have any health problems that we need to be aware of? Yes No

Overall health: _____

Allergies (food/drug): _____

Dietary Needs/Restrictions: _____

Medications: _____

Special needs and/or require extra support (behavioural, emotional, physical, intellectual, language, etc.)?

Thank you for applying to Marine Mammal Summer Camp.

Once we have processed the applications, we will contact everyone who applied. If you are accepted, we will send you a registration form and a parental consent form to complete your enrollment.

Student Essay

In a 500- to 750-word essay, explain why you want to participate in the Marine Mammal Summer Camp and what you hope to gain from the experience. Please make sure your essay is clear and legible; typed essays are preferable, though not required.

Academic Performance

Please send a recent academic transcript or report card for your teen; if one isn't available, you may use the form below.

School Name: _____

School Address (in full): _____

Telephone number: _____

Principal's Name: _____

In the following chart, please list all school course information for the current and previous school years. This information **MUST** be certified by a school official below. We may request official transcripts to clarify your academic status. If you require extra space, please attach an additional page.

Current School Year				
Grade Level	Subject (Course Name)	Level (E.g. French Immersion, AP)	Your Mark So Far	Class Average So Far
Your Overall Average				
Previous School Year				
Grade Level	Subject (Course Name)	Level (If applicable. French Immersion, AP, etc.)	Your Mark	Class Average
Your Overall Average				
Course Data Certified By School Official (print):				
Signature		Title		
Email or Telephone		Date		