

Frequently Asked Summer Camp Questions

📍 Does Tennessee Aquarium Camp offer before and after care?

No. The Tennessee Aquarium does not offer before or after care for Summer Camp Programs. Campers must be dropped off and picked up at the times specified for each camp.

📍 How many weeks can a child register for camp?

Due to the popularity of this program, campers may only participate in **one** week of camp per summer. This allows availability to more children.

📍 The session we wanted is full! What do I do?

Get on the waitlist! If the camp you are registering for is full, the online system will automatically put your information on the waitlist. You are allowed to put your child on more than one waitlist. It is a good idea to have more than one week in mind when planning since the spots fill quickly.

📍 My child is on a waitlist; how do I know when a spot becomes available?

Please do not call to check on waitlist status. As soon as a spot becomes available, we will call you using the contact number(s) you have listed during the registration process. Once you are contacted, the spot will be held for **24 hours** and then be offered to the next registrant on the waitlist, so check your messages!

📍 May I put my child in a camp designed for another age group?

No. The Tennessee Aquarium camps have been developed specifically for certain age groups and we require that campers register for the appropriate camp. Our camp age groups range from 4 to 12 years of age.

📍 My child is 5 or 6 but has not attended Kindergarten. Should I register him/her for Aquatots or Tadpoles?

Five-year olds who have not been through a full year of kindergarten need to register for Aquatots. Six-year olds will register for Tadpoles.

📍 Will my child need to pack a lunch?

Yes, unless your camper is an Aquatot since that camp ends at noon. Campers are given snacks and drinks during camp, but it is required that they pack a lunch daily. This lunch should include a drink and not require refrigeration. *Please alert us to any food allergies!*

📍 What should I pack for my child during camp?

Specific items will be needed depending on which camp your camper is in. You will receive a letter in the mail with daily activities and a list of items to bring. The items will change according to the activities planned for each day. A small backpack is the best way to pack these items. Basic items *may* include lunch, sunscreen, bathing suit, towel, water shoes (no flip flops), a dry change of clothes and a bag for wet clothes.

For more camp-specific questions, please contact your camp counselor (their numbers will be listed on letters mailed out in May).

For more general camp questions, please call the Tennessee Aquarium Summer Camp Hotline at (423) 785-4176.