



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 our center; others 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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Dolphin Camp and Teen DolphinLab



Dolphin Adventures in Learning



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

**For Marine Mammals
and the
Environment We Share**
www.dolphins.org

Learning Has Never Been So Much Fun!

Under a blazing blue sky, a dolphin bursts from the water in a powerful jump. Across the lagoon, students cheer and splash — and then laugh when the dolphin imitates them, splashing water right back!

On a boardwalk, the class listens, captivated, to the clicks, whistles and echolocation of dolphin communication, played through an underwater hydrophone.

Later, the students learn to communicate with the dolphins using hand signals and find out how it feels to be a dolphin trainer.



Welcome to a typical day at Dolphin Research Center's *Dolphin Camp* and *Teen DolphinLabs* — some of the most highly respected experiential education programs in the world!

Here, in beautiful, all-natural surroundings, students learn all about DRC's family of dolphins, growing to respect and appreciate them as individuals, while also gaining a greater understanding of the ocean environment and the importance of conservation.

- Curriculum and activities are tailored to the ages of the students.
- Complete information about course dates, seminars and activities are available on our website at www.dolphins.org.

Click on Visit DRC, then DolphinLab



Comments from Past Students

I never want to forget anything that happened this week. Overall, it was awesome!

I've been to DolphinLab four times prior to this, and I still learned a lot. I really liked the group and staff and, of course, the dolphins.

It exceeded my expectations because it was just so different from any other thing I have experienced.

All the seminars/education inspire me to spread what I learned and share information with my friends and family.

It definitely gave me lots of practical experience and information that I will have with me forever.



Each week-long course provides an in-depth look into the dolphins' world with daily hands-on and in-water activities with the dolphins. Seminars, discussions, and various observations survey a wide range of knowledge, theories, and ongoing research concerning dolphins, the marine environment and related issues.



Here at our beautiful facility, participants learn about these amazing animals from the best teachers of all — the dolphins themselves!

Teen DolphinLab Courses (Ages 15-17)

Teen Basic DolphinLab

Perfect for the teen that loves dolphins. Spend time playing, interacting, and learning more about them.

Students enjoy a variety of interactive programs, both in-water and from the dock, including a *Dolphin Dip*, two *Dolphin Encounters*, a signal session with the dolphins and observational opportunities.

Teen Basic DolphinLab is an exciting, fun, educational program. It is also a perfect foundation for the more advanced courses.

Teen Intermediate DolphinLab



Students gain advanced knowledge of dolphins and explore other marine mammals including manatees, pinnipeds and river dolphins.

Additional activities include a group project, learning about marine mammal careers, play session with the dolphins, two *Dolphin Encounters* and a signal session.

Teen Marine Mammal Care & Basic Training

Students who have completed the first two teen courses, may apply for this course. Students participate in a daily session with the dolphins on the docks. Hands-on learning includes diet preparation and how to signal, reinforce, and maintain established behaviors. At week's end, students demonstrate their new skills by conducting a dolphin session for the public.

Additional activities include, observing and assisting with medical demonstrations, fish preparation and a *Dolphin Dip* and *Dolphin Encounter!*



Dolphin Camp (Ages 10-14)



Learn to identify our dolphin family through daily observations in staff only areas.

Interactive experiences include *Dolphin Dip*, two *Dolphin Encounters*, and a signal session on the dock!

Classroom discussions, games and other activities that focus on marine mammals and the environment, and a snorkel trip at the coral reef.

Dolphin Camp sessions are split into two age groups: one for campers ages 10-12 and one for ages 13-14. Learning activities differ each year to ensure a new experience for returning students.

Campers are supervised at all times by our Education Instructors and the DolphinLab chaperone.



How Much Does it Cost?

Tuition is \$1,500. for *Dolphin Camp*, *Teen Basic DolphinLab* and *Teen Intermediate DolphinLab*. *Teen Marine Mammal Care and Basic Training* is \$1700. (Prices current as of January 1, 2012, and are subject to change without notice.)

The fee covers all seminars, interactive activities, and a field trip. It also includes meals and dormitory-style lodging within walking distance of DRC. Transportation to and from Key West Airport at pre-set times is also included.

DRC provides one full tuition scholarship each year for Teen Basic DolphinLab. Additional information is available on our website..

Who can attend?

There are no prerequisites for Dolphin Camp or Teen Basic DolphinLab, but applicants should have a strong desire to experience and learn about dolphins and the marine world.

Students must complete Teen Basic DolphinLab before taking the Teen Intermediate or Teen Marine Mammal Care and Basic Training courses. The courses are offered consecutively in the summer and students can enroll in all three.

How Do I Apply?

Please visit our website for an application Download and complete an application and mail it to DRC's Education Department with your deposit. Advance booking recommended. For complete information, visit www.dolphins.org. Questions?

Email education@dolphins.org.