



# MARINE SCIENCE CAMP

LOUISIANA UNIVERSITIES MARINE CONSORTIUM

## LEAD CAMP

**2026 Dates:** June 7-13, 2026

**Location:** DeFelice Marine Center, Cocodrie, Louisiana

**Description:** LUMCON's Estuarine Awareness and Discovery (LEAD) camp is a week-long residential camp designed to give high school students a chance to scientifically explore Louisiana's coastal environments. The focus of this camp is to increase student understanding and appreciation of marine science by allowing them to utilize LUMCON's world class research vessels, oceanographic equipment, laboratories, and science staff. Students will better understand of the scientific process, scientific data collection methods, and using data to answer questions. They will have the opportunity to gain skill sets and build a network of contacts that can be useful in future career and academic pursuits. Campers complete LEAD Camp with a new awareness and understanding of the ecosystem, the threats to our coast, and the roles they can have in protecting Louisiana's natural resources.



**Camp Highlights:** Field and laboratory activities make each day a new adventure.

Camp activities include:

- cruises aboard a research vessel
- a trip to one of the barrier islands
- In-depth laboratory activities
- scientific discussions with science professional
- a paddle trip through the salt marsh
- plant and animal population surveys

**Application:** Applications can be submitted electronically through the LUMCON website or by downloading the PDF application. Both applications are available on our website at

<https://lumcon.edu/marine-center-programs/>

**Cost:** \$400/student - includes housing, meals, and all camp activities.