

ONCE AGAIN, BACK BY
POPULAR DEMAND!

CAMP PINNIPED

It's so much fun we had to add more sessions! At the Pacific Marine Mammal Center, campers dive into a fascinating world of flippers, fins and flukes at our working hospital for marine mammals. As junior volunteers, they will learn how we care for our seal and sea lion patients – from rescue all the way to release. We'll work as marine biologists, watch animal rehabilitation in action, create ocean art, and make fish smoothies!

"The harbor seals are my favorite. I learned that they have spots and they don't like to be too close to each other. I got to be a junior animal care volunteer and help weigh fish for the harbor seals." Emily, age 9

"When I get old enough to help at PMMC, I am going to come back and be a volunteer. They have the best job!" Spencer, age 11

This unique program is for children ages 8-12. Camp size is limited to 18 students.

Session 1: June 25-29
Session 2: July 9-13
Session 3: July 16-20
Session 4: August 6-10
Session 5: August 13-17
Session 6: August 20-24

Hours:
Monday-Thursday,
9 am-3pm

Friday,
9 am-12 noon

Cost:
\$235 per camper (members)
\$250 per camper (non-members; includes membership)



Call today to reserve your space! Space is limited and camp fills quickly.

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT - MARY ALDERSON

by Emily Wing & Michele Hunter

Mary Alderson first came to us as an Education Volunteer in 1999. We are truly appreciative of the time and talent she has given to the Center and she is a pleasure to have around. Mary is very dedicated and is always willing to pitch in and participate in outreach events in addition to her regular docent shifts.



At times it can be very busy around the Center, and Mary has a sense of composure and balance that is calming and reassuring for all of us. She is always willing to draw on her past experience as a medical assistant and help out in animal care. She has lent her expertise when we have been overloaded with twenty or more animals in need of subcutaneous (under the skin) fluids.

Mary has a long time interest in the ocean and, as a certified diver, loves to be in it as well as near it. She even lived on an atoll in the middle of the Pacific Ocean for about five years! Mary donated many of the specimens she collected during her time there to our Education Department. We now use these things as teaching tools to bring a broader understanding of the marine environment to the students that participate in our programs.

She is also our resident adventurer, always sending postcards from exotic locations around the world. She always sparks our sense of wanderlust with her fabulous photo albums from her and her husband Roger's ("the Captain's") expeditions. When she is at home in Laguna Beach, she is an avid gardener and always shares her beautiful homegrown lemons with us.

Mary, we appreciate you for who you are and all that you do for the Center. We are lucky to have you as part of the Pacific Marine Mammal Center family. Thank you!

"I have known Mary for almost eight years and she has always been someone that I admire. Monday mornings are not the most popular for anyone, but Mary always makes ours brighter. She has an innate ability to make everyone feel comfortable and welcome and has a genuine interest in all of our lives. For this reason, I have given her the nickname "mother Mary."

Kirsten Sedlick, Education Coordinator

