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MERI Launches Summer Ocean Camp for Kids

BLUE HILL—The Marine Environmental Research Institute (MERI) announces the launching of a new and exciting Summer Ocean Camp for children from July 17 to August 11. Campers will explore the wonders of Blue Hill Bay with experienced naturalists while learning how to identify a variety of marine species, work in a real scientific laboratory, and become better stewards of the ocean environment. Summer Ocean Camp is geared for children ages 7 to 12 and consists of four week-long programs from which to choose.

The following is the 2006 Summer Ocean Camp schedule with prices:

Ocean Explorer Camp (Ages 7-9) Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 – 1:00. \$62 per week. Explorers will participate in hands-on ocean science activities, outdoor recreation, storytelling and games.

Ocean Investigators Camp (Ages 10-12) Mondays and Wednesdays from 9:00 – 1:00. Fridays from 9:00 – 5:00. Investigators will go on field trips, identify marine species, collect water samples, work in the lab and become acquainted with marine sciences while uncovering the hidden secrets of the ocean.

Four Exciting Weeks (Choose one or all)

Amazing Adaptations:

Explorers – July 18 & 20 Investigators – July 17, 19 & 21

Watershed Detectives:

Explorers – July 25 & 27 Investigators – July 24, 26 & 28

Magnificent Marine Mammals:

Explorers – August 1 & 3 Investigators – July 31, August 2 & 4

Environmental Protectors and Ocean Stewards:

Explorers – August 8 & 10 Investigators – August 7, 9 & 11

Camp activities will begin at the MERI Center for Marine Studies on Main Street in Blue Hill. A limited number of scholarships are available. To register, contact Education Program Coordinator Lea Paddock at 374-2135 or lpaddock@meriresearch.org, or visit www.meriresearch.org.

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