



## VISITOR INFORMATION

The following information will help you plan for your trip to the Dauphin Island Sea Lab and for your participation in the Discovery Hall Programs. **Please read all the**

**information carefully, even if you have been through our program before. Changes are made in our program each year.**



## GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Instruction, discipline, and participation by teachers and chaperones are necessary and expected. Please dress accordingly for each activity. This assistance is needed to insure safe and educational field activities.
2. Please plan nighttime activities for your students. We suggest the following:
  - a. Have your students keep a journal or daily log of their program activities.
  - b. Conduct a night beach walk or do some night seining.
  - c. Volleyball and basketball courts are located in the SE area of campus.
  - d. Opportunities for pier fishing, floundering, and bird-watching are in the vicinity of the Sea Lab. (All persons 16 to 64 years must have a fishing license to fish in Alabama waters.)
  - e. Educational videos are available in Discovery Hall. VCRs are located in each dorm, with Beagle Hall having a DVD/VCR combo, and also in the classrooms.
  - f. A swimming pool is available certain times of the year. Please note that the DISL pool is deeper than standard pools. It is advisable that those who use it are aware of its depth and know how to swim. Supervision must be provided (no lifeguard is available).
3. Please obtain an adequate number of chaperones to assist in the supervision of your group during their stay. We suggest that **one (1) adult be present for every six (6) elementary and middle school students and one (1) adult for every ten (10) high school students.**
4. Payphones are located on each floor of the dorms. Change is not needed to dial 911. Prior to your arrival, please inform students that to call 911 for any purpose, other than to report an emergency, could result in criminal penalties. Each state has different penalties for 911 mis-use, but in most cases, abuse can lead to jail time and stiff fines.
5. A minimum of 20 people scheduled to eat meals are required in order to justify opening the cafeteria. If your group numbers are below the required (20) minimum, be certain to inquire whether or not other groups are eating meals on campus during your stay. If not, and you decide to request cafeteria services, you will be charged for a full 20 people.
6. Emergency services are available on the island. However, the nearest hospital and medical clinics are 40 miles away. You may wish to bring a personal vehicle to transport students in case of emergency or illness.
7. It is recommended that you obtain, for each of your students, a copy of a medical insurance card and a signed parental statement that allows a doctor's treatment in the event of an emergency. Treatment by local physicians and admission to area medical facilities will be significantly expedited with this information.
8. No formalin or preservatives of any kind are allowed.

**SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Facilities at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab have been renovated and constructed to provide access to all users. However, the academic programs at Dauphin Island Sea Lab may involve physically demanding activities, often under stressful environmental conditions. To assist the Dauphin Island Sea Lab in accommodating any special needs that a student may have, please notify the Sea Lab before your arrival of any disabilities or conditions that require special accommodations.

MESC/Dauphin island Sea Lab provides equal educational opportunity to, and is open and accessible to all qualified students, without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, sex or qualified handicap/disability, with respect to all of its programs and activities.

Disabled students will be provided “reasonable accommodations” when they have identified themselves and validated their special need(s). Complete confidentiality is maintained, unless authorization for release of information has been given in regards to disability.

## HOW TO GET HERE AND CHECKING IN



### DIRECTIONS TO THE DAUPHIN ISLAND SEA LAB

Take I-65 south to I-10 West, exit on 17-A. This is highway 193, leading through an industrial area. After three red lights, railroad tracks and a bridge, you will come to a 3-way stop, turn left at the stop sign. You will then come to a 4-way stop sign, turn right. Highway 193 resumes and continues all the way to Dauphin Island. Once you arrive on the island, you will come to a 3-way stop sign, go left. Travel approx 2.5 miles passing boat ramps on the left and a campground on the right, look for Agassiz Street on the right. Go to the **next** driveway on the right and turn into the Sea Lab campus. The administration building is located to the left. Please enter the administration building before driving down to the south campus.

Upon arrival at the Sea Lab: If your group arrives during office hours (M-F 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.), please check in at the main office. If you are arriving after hours, please go to the DISL Greeter house located behind the National Marine Fisheries building at the corner of Agassiz St. and Bienville Blvd. If you are running late or have vehicle trouble, please call Denise Keaton at **(251) 861-7511** or the greeter at **(251) 861-2339 (house)** or **(251) 554-0636 (cell)**. On the first morning of instruction, your instructor will meet you in the cafeteria at breakfast.

After checking-in and receiving your packet, teachers should enter the dorm and unlock doors of ONLY the rooms you plan to use. A visual inspection should be made of the dorm and any damages should be immediately reported to the Scheduling Coordinator. If any damages are incurred by your students, your school will be held responsible for cost to make repairs.

### **IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS (AREA CODE = 251)**

Denise Keaton (Scheduling Coordinator)	861-7511
DISL Greeter (After Office Hours)	861-2339 (home) 554-0636 (cell)
Dauphin Island Fire and Rescue (Emergency and Information)	861 -3422
Dauphin Island Police	861-5523
Pay telephones are available in both dorms:	
Beagle Upstairs	861-5428
Beagle Downstairs	861-3128 or 861-6418
Challenger Upstairs	861-8098
Challenger Downstairs	861-5238 or 861-6218

### **ESSENTIAL ITEMS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL TO BRING:**

- Bed linens or sleeping bag, pillow, towels, blanket
- Toiletries
- Insect repellent
- Field clothes: swimsuit, hat, old clothes
- Canvas shoes or old shoes for wading and seining (a couple of pairs) **NO CROCS**
- Water Bottle (to be refilled for field activities)

#### If you are going on the vessel trip:

- Closed, rubber-soled shoes are required (NO Crocs or Keens)
- Signed, notarized boat waivers

### **DESIRABLE ITEMS EACH INDIVIDUAL MIGHT BRING:**

- Camera
- Binoculars
- Fishing gear, crab net
- Raingear
- Alarm clock
- Flashlight

### **GROUP LEADERS SHOULD BRING:**

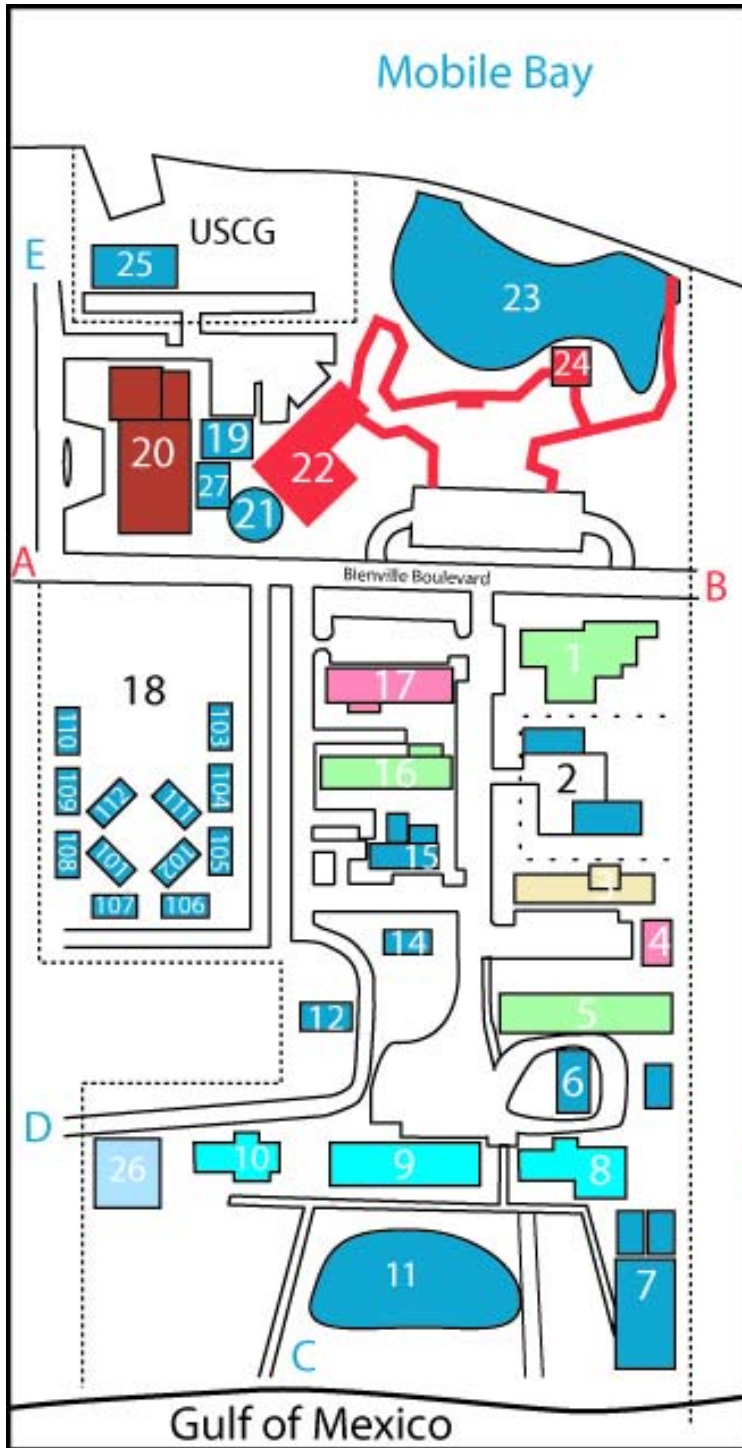
- Any recreational equipment to be used by your group (some balls available at DISL)
- First aid kit (a basic one is provided on both floors of each dorm)

#### If you are going on the vessel trip:

- Notarized boat waivers for each person going on vessel (boat waivers for persons under 19 must also have a parent or guardian signature)

**FACILITY REGULATIONS:**

1. No alcoholic beverages or controlled substances are permitted on Sea Lab property.
2. No pets are allowed at the Sea Lab.
3. Students should be warned to look for sharp rocks and dangerous currents. Never swim alone!
4. Groups will be held financially responsible for abuse, damage, or destruction of Sea Lab property.
5. Firearms, pellet or air guns, and other weapons are prohibited on Sea Lab property.
6. Cooking is not allowed in dormitories.
7. Do not move furniture from one room to another or put mattresses on the floor.
8. Please be considerate of other groups in the dorms, especially during sleeping hours.
9. Your group is expected to leave dormitories and labs clean.
10. Please use the beach areas east of the chainlink fence (away from the USCG property).
11. Do not bring SCUBA gear.
12. Windows are not to be opened on the second floor except in emergencies.
13. Turn out lights and turn off air conditioner when leaving the dorm.
14. No objects of any kind are allowed to hang outside the windows of the dorm facilities. This includes, but is not limited to, banners, flags, towels and other paraphernalia.
15. Fireworks are prohibited.



- \* 1. Administrative Offices and Registration
- 2. Maintenance/Vehicle-Boat Yard
- 3. Albatross Hall (Apartments)
- 4. Laundromat
- 5. Sorting Center
- 6. Endeavour Hall (Class Room)
- 7. Basketball Volleyball Courts
- 8. Discovery Hall (Class Rooms/Offices)
- 9. Horizon Hall (Class Rooms/Offices)
- 10. Galathea Hall (Class/Meeting Room)
- 11. Sea Pines Trail
- 12. Swimming Pool
- 14. Director's Office
- 15. Cafeteria
- 16. Challenger Hall (Dormitory)
- 17. Beagle Hall (Dormitory)
- 18. Family/Faculty Housing
- 19. Storage Building
- 20. Wiese Marine Science Hall
- 21. Husbandry Building
- 22. The Estuarium and Sea Lab Giftshop
- \*23. Living Marsh and Boardwalk
- \*24. Ladner Pavilion
- \*25. U.S. Coast Guard Search & Rescue
- 26. A. U. Shellfish Research
- 27. Wet Lab
- 101. Greeter House
- 110. 111. Graduate Student Offices
- A. To the Water Tower and Audubon Sanctuary
- B. To Fort Gaines
- \* C. To Gulf of Mexico Beach
- D. To U.S. Coast Guard Housing
- E. To DISL Research Vessels

\* OPEN TO THE PUBLIC