

# Pigeon Key

## Hands-on Education Programs

Teachers stay for free!!

Nestled in the heart of the Florida Keys, and accessible by ferryboat, The Pigeon Key Foundation operates a Marine Science Center on its private five-acre island. The center gravitates towards hands-on learning and interaction within the Florida Keys ecosystem, providing students with a pivotal, one-of-a-kind experience that will be invaluable to them the rest of their lives. Pigeon Key would like to extend this opportunity to your school. We only host one group at a time, allowing for an individualized experience targeted at your specific curriculum requirements.



Host to NOAA research and scientific data collection



## Education Programs

Pigeon Key offers a variety of marine programs, giving your students a solid and multi-faceted understanding of the marine world around them. Students are given a brief background on the subject and then immersed into the field. Programs include Marine Habitats of the Florida Keys, Fish Identification, Invertebrate Biodiversity, Squid Lab & Dissection, Shark Lab & Dissection, Plankton Lab, Marine Adaptations, Conservation Angling, Pigeon Key History, Cassiopeia Stress Lab, Sea Water Chemistry, and Conservation Town Meeting. These subjects captivate the interest of not only the students, but teachers as well providing everyone with a unique learning experience. Also included in each program is a reef snorkel trip aboard the 40-foot "spirit" catamaran to the third largest barrier reef system in the world.

## Off-Island Excursions

We offer a range of off-island excursions to supplement the on-island learning experience. Excursions include mangrove kayaking off Boot Key; multiple dive and snorkel destinations; visits to the Turtle Hospital as well as the Dolphin Research Center where students have the opportunity to swim with dolphins; Key West trips including the Aquarium, Pirate Museum, and Key West reef snorkel trip; and Bahia Honda State Park where students do their part to clean up the beach and dunes before enjoying the natural area. Groups have the option of visiting one or all of these memorable locations.

## On-Island Accommodations

Students are housed in one of our three historical dormitories. Dorms include bunk style sleeping arrangements, bedding, full bath facilities, air conditioning and more.

**All-inclusive, three-day trips start at just 325.00pp!!**

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