

MarineQuest Talented and Gifted Guidance:

MarineQuest has been designed to challenge participants, including those students who have been identified as talented and/or gifted. However, when we request a teacher recommendation we actually do not ask about a young person's grades or test scores. Instead, we are more interested to learn if the student has an inquisitive nature and is interested in science or the environment, has a strong work ethic and is self-motivated, can be self-disciplined when required, and above all else enjoys learning.

To help parents decide if MarineQuest is a good fit for their talented and/or gifted child, we offer the following:

"Talented and/or gifted students are described as children and youth who perform or show the potential for performing at remarkably high levels of accomplishment when compared with others of their age, experience, or environment. This may involve outstanding intellectual aptitude, talent or skills. But it is equally likely that a child has above average intelligence elevated by an exceptional self-motivation to learn, or grit."

While we value your child's intelligence and the knowledge they bring to our programs, we also expect there to be a high level of self-motivation - they must want to engage in learning with us. As camp is a social experience, they also must be willing to work and learn along with others. And hopefully have some fun along the way!

Here's a little self-check for your child:

- Do you enjoy being outside when it is hot, muggy, sunny, rainy?
- Do you mind getting up at 6:30 am during summer vacation? (for residential campers)
- Can you go to bed when you are told and appreciate how much a good night's sleep does for your ability to have a great day?
- How picky are you when it comes to food? Does a cafeteria sound appetizing?
- Do you like to drink water? Lots of it!
- Do you mind being wet and having sand in your clothes? How about marsh mud in your shoes?
- Are you willing to share a room with another camper?
- Are you willing to help carry equipment and clean up after yourself?
- Can you share equipment with others?
- Can you share your awesome ideas and still be willing to consider others?
- Are you willing to let others lead sometimes?
- Are you easily frustrated? But willing to let others encourage you?
- Can you handle a joke? Do you like laughing and having fun?
- Can you do all these things with a positive attitude?
- Even when you are hot and sweaty, wet and sandy, tired and thirsty...can you still dig deep and get the science done?

Then MarineQuest is the camp experience for you!