

FILM AND DISCOVERY SERIES

Join The University of Texas Marine Science Institute's NEW and FREE summer program, for visitors aged six and older. We will show short marine science related films and follow up with an engaging hands-on activity. Please note that the run time is for the film only. The activity will follow the film and last approximately 30 minutes. We can accommodate a large group for the film; however, we are limited to 24 participants for the activity. Please contact Nicole Pringle at npringle@austin.utexas.edu or call 361-749-3153 to secure your place for the activity.

JUNE 8TH-AUGUST 10TH

WEDNESDAY 3:00PM-4:00PM

- 6/08/16 "BAG IT." This film dives into what plastic is and how it affects our beautiful ocean in an energetic way. Jeb's journey in this documentary film starts with simple questions: Are plastic bags really necessary? What are plastic bags made from? What happens to plastic bags after they are discarded? Jeb looks beyond plastic bags and discovers that virtually everything in modern society - from baby bottles, to sports equipment, to dental sealants, to personal care products - is made with plastic or contains potentially harmful chemical additives used in the plastic-making process. When Jeb's journey takes a personal twist, we see how our crazy-for-plastic world has finally caught up with us and what we can do about it today. Directed by Susan Beraza and presented by Jeb Berrier. (~ 45 minutes). Reel Thing Film.
- 6/15/16 "All the Cups; Protect the Gulf." The footage captured in both films reminds us of where our trash and other pollutants end up - in the ocean. Six year old Jack Tunnell narrates two short films that focus on protecting our coastal environments. (~8 minutes) Film credit, Jace Tunnell.
- 6/22/16 "Sampling Seagrass." A closer look at various types of estuary grasses, the animals that are sheltered in them, and the methods scientists use to study these grasses. (~10 minutes) Estuaries.noaa.gov.
- 6/29/16 "TRASH TALK." Ocean Today, in partnership with the NOAA Marine Debris Program, presents TRASH TALK, a 15-minute special feature on marine debris, for World Oceans Day. It is specially designed to be part of your World Oceans Day festivities and beyond. (~15 minutes) marinedebris.noaa.gov.
- 7/06/16 "So what is an Estuary?" The Association of National Estuary Programs provides a fun explanation of what estuaries are and why they are important (~8 minutes) Estuaries.noaa.gov.
- 7/13/16 "NERRS System Wide Monitoring Program." Learn about the SWMP Program (System Wide Monitoring Program) and see how high-tech underwater equipment helps keep track of conditions in the estuary 24/7/365. (~10 minutes) Estuaries.noaa.gov.
- 7/20/16 "Oil in the Ocean." When oil spills occur, they can shut down beaches and fishing grounds. They can also lead to public evacuations. Environmental disasters can be prevented if clean-up efforts begin immediately. This series of short NOAA films investigates real oil spills and how they affect natural resources and the public's use of them. (~15 minutes) oceantoday.noaa.gov.

- 7/27/16 "Cara the Sea Turtle." Join Cara as she leaves her family's nest for a trip across the Atlantic! Cara must outwit a hungry shark, find just the right food, and discover the perfect place to nap. Then one day, Cara's instincts tell her she must return home. Learn the secrets of Cara's mission in this thrilling adventure. (~30 minutes) National Geographic Channel.
- 8/03/16 "PHYTOPLANKTON." - Young students learn about plankton (in particular phytoplankton) and why it is vital to life on this planet. (~10 minutes) Estuaries.noaa.gov.