

# EXPEDITION HMNS *Shark Tagging*

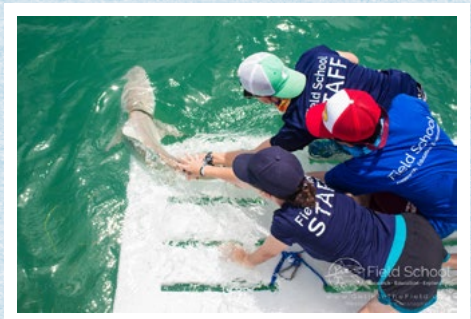
IN MIAMI, FL

MAY 30 & 31, 2026



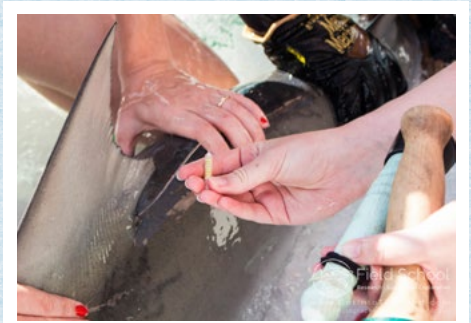
Sharks are some of the most fascinating, misunderstood, and ecologically essential animals on Earth, and many are now at risk of extinction. Each day, researchers and conservationists work to better understand and protect these incredible creatures. Now you can be part of that effort.

Join **HMNS** and the **Field School** in Miami for a hands-on shark research expedition, where you'll safely catch, handle, and tag sharks, contributing to vital conservation efforts. Then, explore the Everglades on an airboat tour through its winding waterways, home to rare wildlife like manatees, crocodiles, and the Florida panther. Experience the rich wildlife and stunning views while you adventure through one of the world's most unique ecosystems.



## WAIT...SHARK TAGGING?!

Yes! Shark tagging is an important research technique used to track shark movements and behavior by attaching specialized tags. On this trip, you'll help researchers apply these tags, which, upon recapture, provide valuable data—identifying individual sharks, age and growth, and location. This information helps scientists study migration routes, longevity, geographic distributions, and movements—key insights for protecting shark species. It's a hands-on experience that directly supports real-world conservation efforts.



## PRICING

HMNS Members Per Person	\$1,850
Non-Members Per Person	\$2,050

Travel and accommodation are not included, and all participants will meet us in Miami. Ages 16+: All minors must be accompanied by a ticketed adult.

## REGISTRATION REQUIRES

- Per person non-refundable deposit
- Completed registration forms
- Copy of your driver's license

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## DAY 1 | SATURDAY, MAY 30

### Everglades National Park

Today we venture into the Everglades National Park—the largest subtropical wilderness in the U.S., spanning 1.5 million acres—on a thrilling airboat tour through its shallow, winding waterways. This slow-moving river is home to a wide range of rare wildlife, including manatees, American crocodiles, black bears, roseate spoonbills, and the elusive Florida panther.

After the guided tour, you will have time to explore the area on your own! It's an unforgettable journey through one of North America's most unique ecosystems.



## DAY 2 | SUNDAY, MAY 31

### Shark Science

Prepare for a full day on the water, starting at 8:00 AM. We'll return to the dock around 4:30/5:00 PM. Lunch will be provided on the boat.

Aboard the research vessel Garvin, you'll learn how to safely catch, handle, and tag sharks while gaining hands-on experience with the tools and techniques used by field scientists. Explore how tagging data aids shark conservation and protects their populations. This is your opportunity to work with different shark species using safe, research-driven methods that prioritize their well-being. With over 40 years of combined experience and thousands of hours spent on and in the water, the Field School team brings expert knowledge in shark research and handling.

## GUEST INSTRUCTOR | DR. DAVID SHIFFMAN

Dr. David Shiffman (@whys sharksmatter) is a marine conservation biologist and an award-winning science communicator. He has been interviewed over 200 times, and has bylines in the Washington Post, Scientific American, New Scientist, Gizmodo, and more. One of the most-followed scientists on twitter and one of the most widely read science bloggers, has trained over 500 scientists how to communicate their area of expertise to the public.

