

Nat Theo Club

FIELD NOTES

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Moon Jellyfish

INVERTEBRATE

HABITAT:

In the ocean in temperate and tropical waters, shallow bays and harbors.

FUN FACTS:

Like most jellyfish, Moon Jellyfish can sting predators with their tentacles. But the Moon Jellyfish's sting is very mild (not very powerful).

Moon Jellyfish are invertebrates, which means they do not have a backbone. In fact, Jellyfish do not have any bones at all.



HAVE YOU EVER HAD A REALLY GREAT FRIEND?

Seven years ago, my family took a long trip to explore by the ocean for nine weeks. We were away from our friends back home, but met new friends along the way. We also had the chance to visit with friends we had not seen in a long time.

One morning, we walked down to the ocean shore and out onto a pier. There were translucent (or see-through) jellyfish all around the pier! They were Moon Jellyfish, and there must have been hundreds of them. My sons laid down on the pier on their bellies. Knowing the tops of the jellyfish do not sting, they carefully and gently rubbed their fingers across the tops of some of the jellyfish.

When jellyfish are together in a larger group like they were that day, it is called a "Smack" of jellyfish! It's a funny and fun name for a bunch of jellies.

Although we don't need to have hundreds of friends, it is good to have a few close friends who stick by us. It's important those friends love and follow Jesus and will encourage us as we grow in faith.

Matthew 18:20 says "For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."

Of course, God is always with us, even when we are alone. But this verse tells us it is a powerful thing when Jesus's followers come together. When we spend time with other believers, we can encourage one another, help each other remember God's Word, and spend time praying together.

Who is one friend who encourages you to follow Jesus?

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