

Smart Stuff

with Twig Walkingstick



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Q. Dear Twig: My teacher told us about a class called Project SeaCAMEL. What is it?

A.: It's a live, underwater class in **marine biology**. Except you don't go under the water yourself (for better or worse) (when you're older I hope you'll get to if you want to). Instead you explore through a **live Web broadcast**. You watch on a computer. You go along with teachers and scientists as they dive in and live in a super-huge cool **coral reef**, the **Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary**, world's third-largest **barrier reef** and the only living barrier reef in North America. It takes place in less than a month, **Nov. 12-14**.

Get this: The teachers and scientists really do live underwater! They live some 60 feet down below in the **Aquarius Underwater Habitat**.

They call themselves **aquanauts**.

See what you can see and when at <http://seacamel.livingoceansfoundation.org/>.

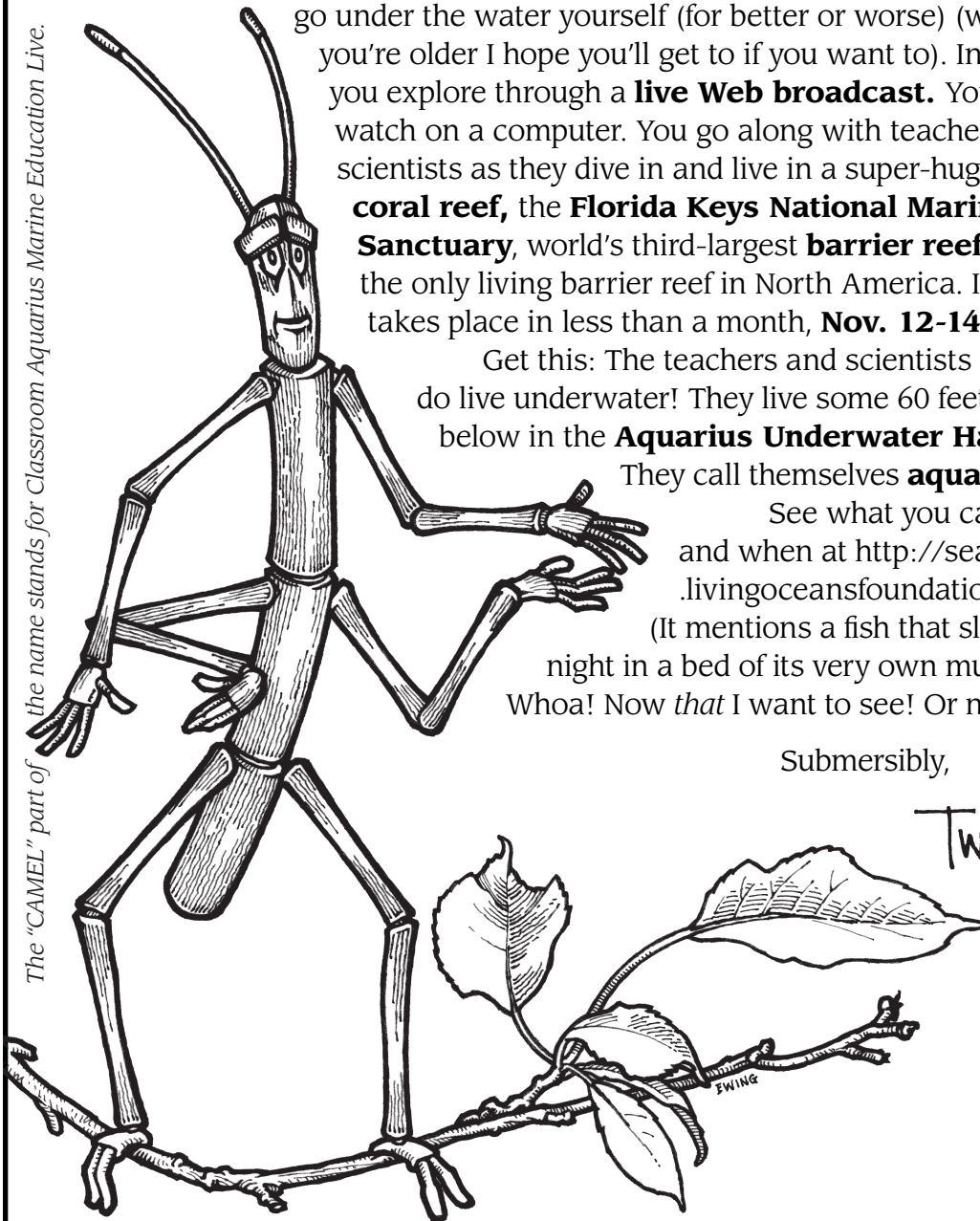
(It mentions a fish that sleeps at night in a bed of its very own mucus.

Whoa! Now *that* I want to see! Or not.)

Submersibly,

Twig

The "CAMEL" part of the name stands for Classroom Aquarius Marine Education Live.



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