

# Aqua Ventures

Opening Eyes to the World Outside!

## Teacher Open House! September 21, 2011

Teachers: Check out our workshops  
and free study pass program!

Our programs are aligned with FCAT Benchmarks  
Visit [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org) for details or call (813) 273-4015

**THE FLORIDA  
AQUARIUM**  
DOWNTOWN TAMPA



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## Opening Eyes to the World Outside!

Teachers,

Welcome back! We are excited to kick off another new school year. We think the ocean is amazing and so will you! The theme for our programming this year will highlight Oceanography, the scientific study of our oceans. The oceans influence our climate, they provide recreation and they are important to our economy. Programs will highlight our theme and teach students about how amazing the oceans are! Programs this year will cover the biological, physical and chemical processes of our oceans. We hope that we will inspire and encourage this generation of school children to appreciate and protect the oceans for years to come.

To streamline the registration process, each grade level can choose from an auditorium-style or classroom-style program to enhance the Aquarium experience. Our programs are aligned with FCAT Benchmarks, and correlations to [www.thinkfinity.org](http://www.thinkfinity.org), presented by Verizon Foundation, create a rich educational package. Details about the programming and the reservation process are inside. Jump in and discover how cool the ocean can be!

We also realize that the current economy presents some challenges for schools interested in coming to the Aquarium for field trips. For the 7th consecutive school year, we are holding our prices for school groups at the same rate. As a community partner, we want to encourage visitation. We feel that access to field trip experiences are an important tool that can inspire children to learn more about the ocean and marine science.

### Annual Teacher Open House

**September 21, 2011 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM**

Teachers, come to the Aquarium and check out our programs! This night will feature program demonstrations, behind the scenes tours, animal encounters, and details about field trip planning. Teachers will receive instructional materials and opportunities to win raffle prizes! Our partner, The St. Petersburg Times Newspapers in Education program, will be on hand to show teacher how to engage students with the electronic edition of the Times in the classroom. To RSVP, call reservations at (813)273-4015.

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<b>Passengers:</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>10</b>
Four-hour trip	\$325	\$295	\$225
Additional hour	\$55/hour		

**Rates shown are for Hillsborough and Pinellas County pick up location.**

**Call for pricing for other counties**

Call **800-282-8020** and let the sales representative know that you are traveling to The Florida Aquarium.

# Reservations Instructions

## Aquarium Operating Hours

9:30 AM - 5:00 PM every day  
Closed on Thanksgiving and Christmas

## Reservations Office Hours:

Monday - Friday, 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM  
Saturday and Sunday, 9 AM - 3 PM

## Aquarium Address:

701 Channelside Drive  
Tampa, FL 33602

## Reservations Office Contact Information:

**Phone:** (813) 273-4015 or 1-800-FL-FISH-1 (800-353-4741) ext. 4015

**Fax:** (813) 209-2067

**Mail:** The Florida Aquarium  
Education/Reservations  
701 Channelside Drive  
Tampa, Florida 33602

**Web site:** [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org)

**Email:** [education@fluquarium.org](mailto:education@fluquarium.org)

It is highly recommended that you visit our web site to plan your trip and make reservations for your program. You may also phone in your reservation or go to [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org) to complete our online trip reservation form. Our reservation form asks for all of the information we need. Please make reservations at least two (2) weeks in advance. When you complete the online form, your reservation will be emailed to the Reservations Department, and a Reservationist will register you for your trip and send you a confirmation. Requests are processed in the order in which they are received. If you do not receive confirmation materials by fax, email or mail within one week, please call. Please read through your confirmation materials. These materials contain important details that you will need to read before your visit to ensure a fantastic trip.

## General Admission Tickets

Group minimum is 15.

September - March \$6.00 per student and additional chaperones

April- August \$7.00 per student and additional chaperones

*Hillsborough County Title 1 schools should call the Reservations office at (813) 273-4015 for Title 1 pricing.*

## Onsite Program Tickets

Programs are available Monday - Friday during operating hours, September through May (Behind the Scenes Tours and Exploring the Bay Eco-Tours available year-round)

Classroom Education Program	(Pre-K-12)	\$3.00 per student
Lab Programs		\$3.00 per student
Auditorium Education Program	(Pre-K-12)	\$2.00 per student
Behind the Scenes Tours		\$3.00 per student
Boat Only ticket		\$16.00 per student (Minimum 45 participants or \$720)
Field Trip/Boat Combo Ticket		\$19.00 per student (Minimum 45 participants or \$720)

## Chaperone Ratio and Ticket Prices

The recommended chaperone ratio is 1 chaperone for every 10 students. One chaperone is free for every 10 students. Additional chaperones must pay the student ticket rate and any applicable student program rate. **Teachers are considered chaperones and are counted in the total chaperone count on field trip day. Aquarium Memberships are not valid for student field trips.**

## Payment Methods

- Payment is required upon arrival
- Payment must cover all of the students and additional chaperones in your group. Teachers are considered chaperones and are counted in the total chaperone count on your field trip day.

## Acceptable Forms of Payment

- Checks: Make checks payable to The Florida Aquarium. Please do not mail ahead. Please bring it with you on the day of the program

## • Purchase Orders (PO)

Please bring a copy of your PO with you on the day of your trip. Groups may not be admitted without the copy of the PO.

## • Cash

We welcome cash, but all cash must be collected and made in one single payment.

## • Credit Cards

We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express.

## Non-Acceptable Forms of Payment

- family memberships/annual passes, Sea Stars Family Rewards program, teacher study pass or discount coupons

## Cancellations and Changes

If you must cancel or postpone a visit, please call (813) 273-4015 as soon as you discover your plans have changed. A voice mail message is sufficient for cancellation notice. Changes may affect the number of free chaperones.

## Parking

Buses Free

Cars \$4 per car on field trip day only (Discounted school group rate)

## Bus Parking Directions

Proceed to the drop-off location on Cumberland Street\* (Port Terminal 3) and watch for an Aquarium team member to greet your group.

\*On certain days cruise ships may be in port and there may be an alternate drop-off location. Call Reservations at (813) 273-4015 to find out if this may affect you.

## Car Parking Directions

Cars should proceed to the main parking lot located off E. York Street.



# Field Trip Planning Tools

## Making the Most of Your School's Visit

- Reservations are required for school group visits. Contact the Education/Reservations Office or complete the online form at [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org) to reserve tickets. Reservations for education programs must be made at least two weeks prior to your visit
- Be sure to meet with chaperones/adults prior to your visit so that expectations are known. A ratio of at least 1:10 is recommended. Unescorted student groups are not permitted in the Aquarium for the safety of both the students and the animals. Please be sure that adults have assigned student groups. You will receive more detailed chaperone information in your confirmation packet. **Teachers are counted in the chaperone total on field trip days.**
- Request a chaperone guide prior to your visit so that students have a guided focus. Without prior preparation, students may quickly tour the exhibits and miss some of the excitement. Or visit [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org) for guides located on the Teacher Materials page in the Education section of the web site.
- Pick up a program schedule upon arrival so that you can include a dive program, animal show or animal feeding.
- Add an instructor-led program, such as a *Behind the Scenes* tour, to enhance your visit. Follow the instructions on our web site [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org) or if booking by phone ask a reservationist for details
- To be fair to all school and camp groups, to insure the safety of our guests and because of limited capacity, your educational group rate does not include admission to Explore A Shore
- Eating areas are available at the Aquarium. We have outdoor storage space for your lunches! **Please bring them in coolers labeled with your school's name.** Lunch times and locations are assigned upon arrival at Guest Services. On busy Spring days, groups may eat at a location other than the Sea Star Pavilion
- Make lunch time easier with tasty, nutritious lunches ordered from the Café. Call Aramark at (813) 367-4093 for further information or download the lunch order form from our web site [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org). Aramark will only accept cash, check, or credit for orders. Payment must be made directly to Aramark. Groups **are not** permitted to have lunch delivered from outside companies (i.e. pizza, burgers) to eat within our facility.

## Guidelines for Chaperones

Chaperones are our partners! In fact, studies have been conducted that show that chaperones can have a positive influence on student learning while at the Aquarium. Please follow these guidelines to insure that your students make the most of their visit

- **Students** must remain in chaperoned groups at all times.
- **Please be considerate** of other visitors in the Aquarium so that everyone has an enjoyable experience.
- Student groups must use the **stairs** instead of the escalator. An elevator is available for physically challenged guests.
- Download a chaperone guide for use in the Aquarium galleries. It is full of activities for every age level.
- Please **touch animals** only in the **designated areas**: *Sting Ray Touch Pool* in the first floor lobby and the *No Bone Zone* on the second floor.
- **Food, drink, and chewing gum** are not allowed in the Aquarium galleries. Student groups are welcome to visit the Aquarium gift shop, but we require that they be accompanied by a chaperone.
  - Students should **WALK** in all Aquarium galleries, as floors may become wet and slippery in some areas.
  - To be fair to all school and camp groups, to insure the safety of our guests, and because of limited capacity, admission to **Explore A Shore** is not permitted.

- Please be green! After eating at the **Sea Star Pavilion**, please pick up garbage and place it in the appropriate receptacles provided. Ask students to look under the table for straw wrappers! Thanks for helping us keep garbage from entering animal areas. The Aquarium has **recycling receptacles** in the lunch area for plastic and aluminum.

## Meeting Your Needs

Have a smaller group? Need a special program? Contact the Education Department and we'll let you know what we can do!

## The "Total Package"

Why not enhance your Florida Aquarium experience by assembling a complete study? Several of our programs complement one another. Ask about combinations of programs that include off site, on site and field offerings

## Sea Stars Student Reward Program

Students with all A's and/or B's or perfect attendance can bring a current report card for FREE admission to The Florida Aquarium with a paid adult (adults pay only \$10, maximum of two adults at this rate). Valid for one month from the report card issue date for each grading period. Not valid with group entrance.

## Adopt-An-Animal

Your class can adopt an animal from The Florida Aquarium! You will receive a photo of the "adopted" animal with adoption certificate, a fact sheet detailing the latest addition to your class, and more! For details or a brochure, call (813) 273-4030 or check out [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org).

## Sunshine State Standards / FCAT Benchmarks

All programs are aligned with Sunshine State Standards! Check out [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org) for details or call (813) 273-4015 to request an alignment grid. For more state alignments, and access to a variety of high-quality teaching materials, Verizon Thinkfinity offers comprehensive teaching and learning resources created by the most respected organizations in academic subjects and literacy. The easy-to-navigate K-12 resources are grade-specific and aligned with state standards at [www.thinkfinity.org](http://www.thinkfinity.org).

## Gift Shop

All gift shop sales help support our education programs. We therefore encourage student groups to visit our gift shop. The presence of chaperones within the gift shop is required. Order special school packs for your students! All price levels can be accommodated. Please call for details and place your order at least two weeks in advance. Call (813) 367-4058.

## Explore A Shore

To be fair to all school and camp groups, to insure the safety of our guests, and because of limited capacity, Explore A Shore is **not** available to education groups.

## Community Programs

In addition to school programs, The Florida Aquarium provides birthday parties, scout programs, family events, members' programs, tots programs and much more! Be sure to check out [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org) or call (813) 273-4015 for more information on all of our offerings.

## School Year AquaCamps

When school is out, the Aquarium is in! If your students are in need of activities when school is on holiday (single days or during winter, spring, or summer vacation), please suggest The Florida Aquarium. You can be sure that students will have a wild time as they continue learning while on vacation.

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# Teacher Programs

## Florida Teachers Are Free! (Study Pass Program)

See the Aquarium at your own pace to prepare for your field trip. Simply show proof of ID (current pay stub with teacher payroll code) at a ticket window for free admission. Family and friends are welcome but will be required to purchase their admissions. Offer good for Florida teachers during regular business hours. Teachers are counted in the chaperone total on field trip days.

## Discounted Teacher Memberships!

Florida K-12 Teachers receive a 20% discount on family memberships which includes: free admission, free parking while visiting the Aquarium during regular business hours, SHARE program benefits at many local attractions, discounts in the gift shop and Café, informational member publications, and more! Call (813) 273-4030 for details, or stop by the Guest Services Desk on your next visit with proof of school employment.

## Teacher Materials

Our programs are designed to meet specific Sunshine State Standards/ FCAT Benchmarks and information about program alignment is included in our teacher packets and pre- and post-lessons. Gallery activity packets and scavenger hunts are also available. Download activity guides from [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org)

## Teacher Workshops

The Florida Aquarium offers hands-on, multidisciplinary teacher workshops throughout the school year. Workshops are aligned with Sunshine State Standards/ FCAT Benchmarks and are engaging for teachers of all levels. In-service points are available for most workshops. We can also host a workshop for your group or tailor a topic to suit your needs. Just let us know what you need! Be sure to visit [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org) for details and updates.

Are you unable to drive to Tampa? Workshops are also offered at off-site locations around the state! Check [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org) for updates on dates and locations, as grant funding and new opportunities often become available after the start of the school year. We frequently add workshops to our calendar to respond to these opportunities and to meet your needs.

To register for Educator Workshops, go online to [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org) and fill out the online form or print the pdf and fax or mail it to the Reservations Office. Register early, as class space is limited. Workshops listed in this brochure are held at The Florida Aquarium unless otherwise noted, but remember to check [www.flaquarium.org](http://www.flaquarium.org) for dates and locations for new statewide offerings!

Workshops are held on Saturdays and are 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM unless otherwise noted.

**Bring the SEAS to your classroom!** Learn marine sciences through classroom-based, hands-on activities correlated with Sunshine State Standards. Take home lesson plans, science teaching resources and a \$50 stipend!

*Funding support provided by a grant from the Alafia River, Coastal Rivers, Hillsborough River, Manasota, Peace River, Pinellas-Clote River and Withlacoochee River Basin Boards of the Southwest Florida Water Management District.*

**Due to the scope of grant funds, teachers for this workshop must be teaching in one of the following SWFWMD service area counties: Charlotte, Citrus, DeSoto, Hardee, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Levy, Manatee, Marion, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota and Sumter.**

## SEAS

### Grades K-2

SEAS Grades K-2 workshop • December 3, 2011- Florida Aquarium  
Fee: **Free (Receive a \$50 stipend!)**

### Grades 6-12

SEAS Grades 6-12 workshop • November 5, 2011  
Fee: **Free (Receive a \$50.00 stipend!)**

## Climate Change in the Classroom

**New!** Join us for an exciting and informative workshop concerning climate change and how content can be used in the classroom. Learn the concepts behind climate change while learning fun, hands-on activities to use with your students. Educators will receive content information, lesson plans, and a \$50.00 stipend.

**Due to the scope of grant funds provided by Tampa Bay Estuary Program, teachers for this workshop must be teaching in one of the following counties: Manatee, Pinellas, and Hillsborough.**

### Grades 2-6

August 13, 2011- Florida Aquarium  
November 12, 2011- Florida Aquarium

## Underwater Archaeology

Join us in exploring the underwater world from a new perspective! Shipwrecks to artifacts, critters and chemistry, oceanography, social studies and more. . . Learn about the Aquarium's latest efforts diving in rivers, springs, Tampa Bay and the Gulf. View underwater video footage of cutting-edge discoveries and meet an Aquarium diver who has participated in numerous expeditions. Participate in activities designed to get your students excited about what lurks beneath the waves! Funding support provided by NOAA.

Receive a complete, multi-disciplinary curriculum and a \$50 stipend!

### Grades 6-9

October 1, 2011- Florida Aquarium



# On-Site Programs

## Pre-K

### Land to Sea

Students will explore animals and their homes. Using reasoning skills, students will learn about different animal families and their habitats.

### Classroom Program

#### Up to 40 students

In the classroom, students will explore animals and their homes. Students will help lost animals find their homes through an interactive story. They will then use thinking skills to match animals with the habitat to which they belong. Through hands-on discovery, children will meet live animals!

### Auditorium Program

#### Up to 75 students

During the auditorium program, students will help lost animals find their way home through an interactive puppet show. Then they will use their thinking skills to match animals with the habitat to which they belong. At the end of the program, students will meet a LIVE animal..

## K-2

\*See Lab Programs section for more offerings for grades 1 and up.

### Surf and Turf

Classification is key! Scientists use the Linnaean Classification system, a ranked hierarchy, to organize animals into common groupings. Students will learn the basics about several animal classes and learn to recognize similarities and differences between animals.

### Classroom Program

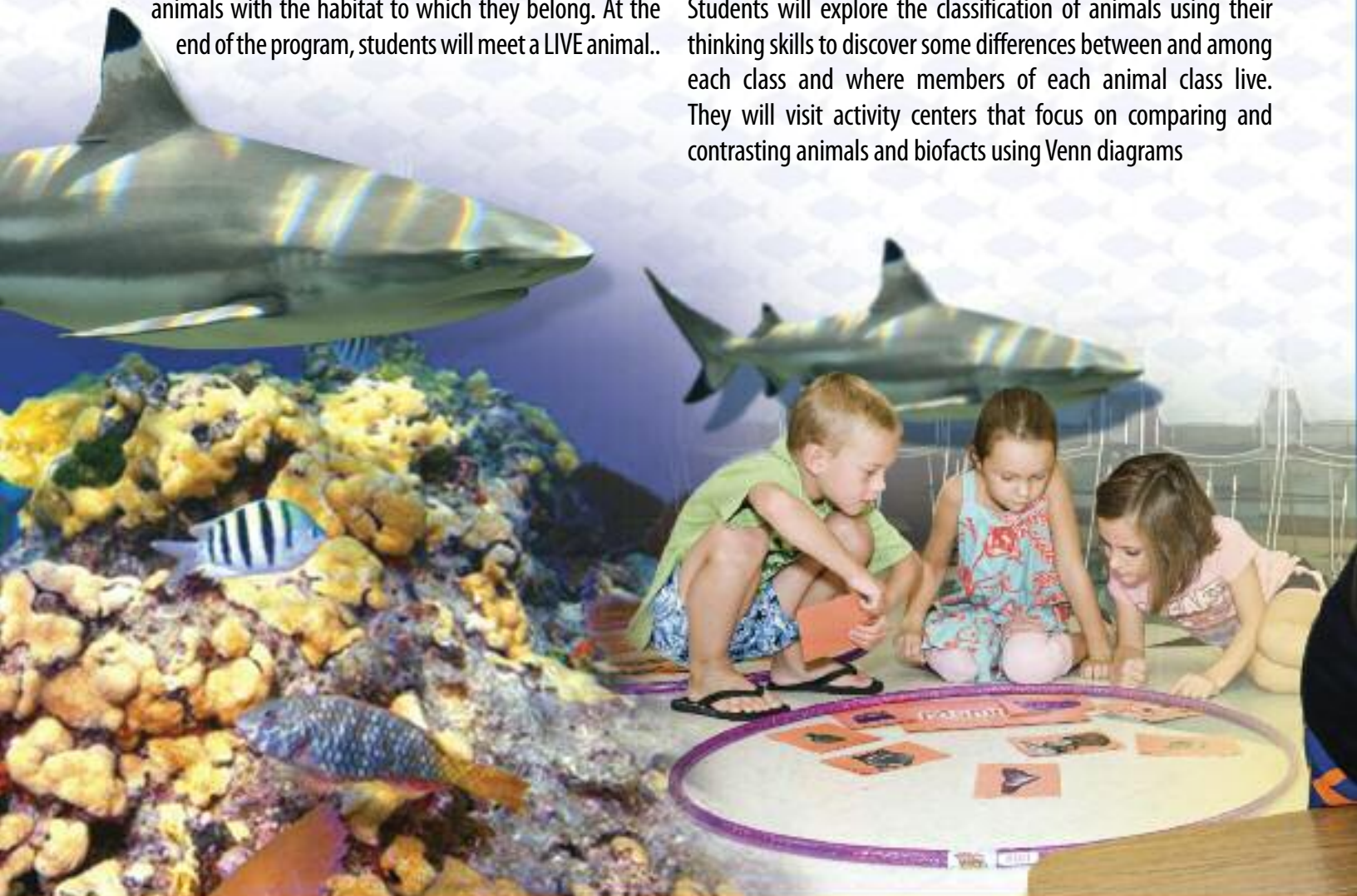
#### Up to 40 students

In the classroom, students will explore the classification of animals. Students will use their thinking skills to discover where members of each animal class live. They will visit activity centers that focus on comparing and contrasting animals and biofacts using venn diagrams. Children will meet LIVE animals.

### Auditorium Program

#### Up to 75 students

Students will explore the classification of animals using their thinking skills to discover some differences between and among each class and where members of each animal class live. They will visit activity centers that focus on comparing and contrasting animals and biofacts using Venn diagrams



## Grades 3-5

\*See Lab Programs section for more offerings for grades 3-5.

### Ocean Zones

Become adventurous young oceanographers and travel on a journey into the deep ocean. Students will learn about the biodiversity of three ocean zones: epipelagic, mesopelagic, and bathypelagic; and how physical aspects such as light and depth dictate where an animal can survive.

#### Classroom Program

##### Up to 40 students

Students will conduct experiments on light and pressure to see how these two physical factors effect life in the ocean and use reasoning skills to determine in which zone various sea creatures may live. Students will meet LIVE ocean critters.

#### Auditorium Program

##### Up to 75 students

Students will participate in an interactive presentation about the three main ocean zones. They will learn about light and pressure in each zone and then use deductive reasoning to determine in which zone various animals may live

## Grades 6-8

\*See Lab Programs section for more middle school offerings.

### Underwater Archaeology

Underwater Archaeologists unlock keys to our past by diving to the depths of the oceans to discover artifacts and fossils. Learn about underwater archaeology techniques during this unique experience.

#### Classroom Program

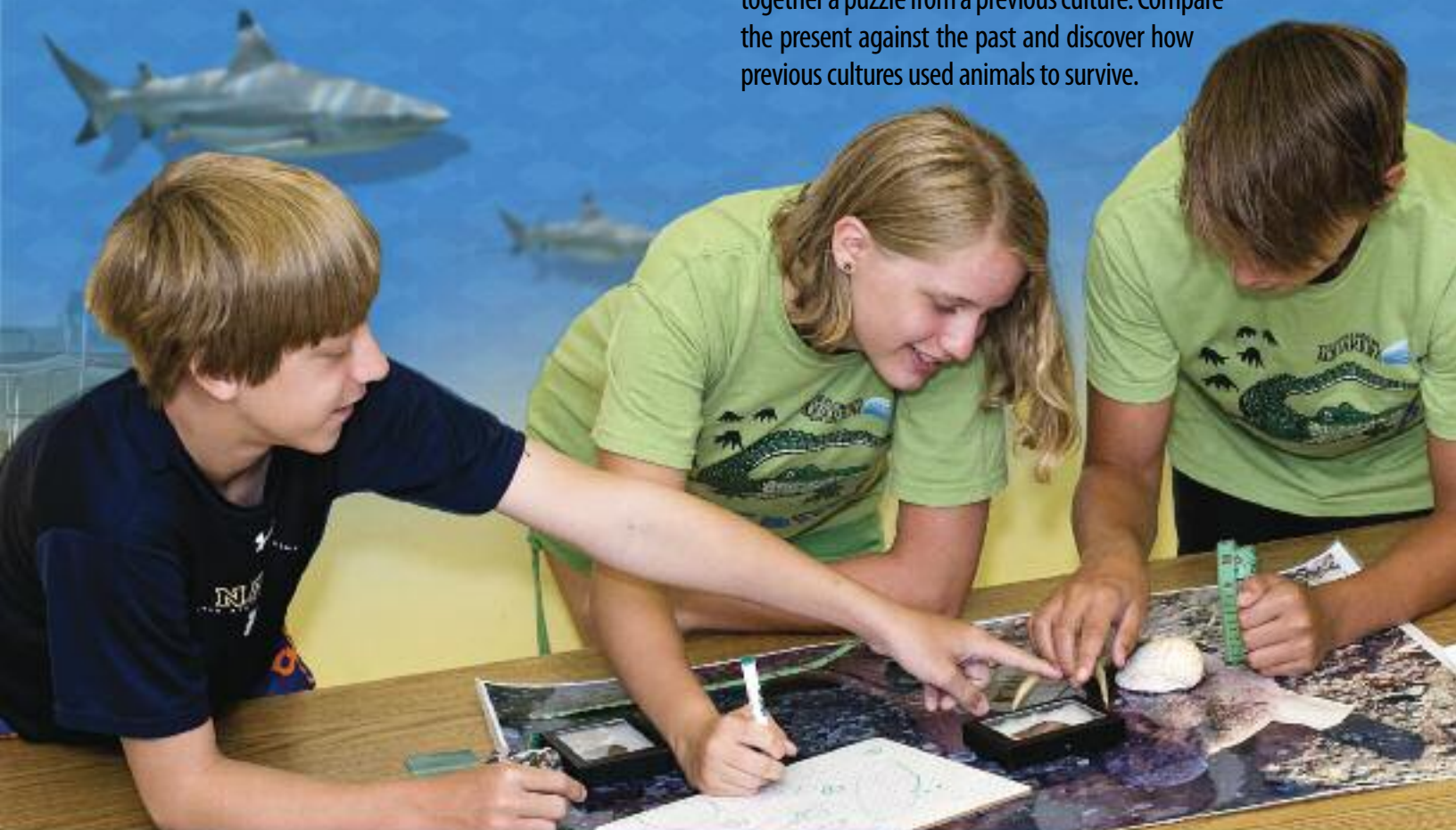
##### Up to 30 students

By piecing together different artifacts and hypothesizing the use of the artifacts, archaeologists are better able to understand past cultures. Learn how to distinguish between an artifact and a fossil. Use rulers and graphs to properly excavate an archaeological site and piece together a puzzle from a previous culture. Discover how previous cultures used animals to survive.

#### Auditorium Program

##### Up to 75 students

Travel back in time! Look at different artifacts, hypothesize the use of the artifacts and learn the skills needed to become an archaeologist! Distinguish between an artifact and a fossil while piecing together a puzzle from a previous culture. Compare the present against the past and discover how previous cultures used animals to survive.



# On-Site Programs

## Grades 9-12

### Reef Survey 101

Classroom Program

Up to 30 students

Scientists classify animals according to shape, size, behavior, and even by special adaptation. Learn how to classify fish families found on Florida coral reefs, and use that knowledge to study the fish population in the Coral Reef gallery. Discover form and function, and classify fishes that call the coral reef home using fish replicas. Then learn how scientists survey fish populations, and complete a fish population survey while visiting the Coral Reef gallery.

### CSI: Cetacean Scene Investigation

Classroom Program

Up to 30 students

A cetacean stranding has been reported at a given latitude and longitude somewhere along the numerous coastlines of the world. Upon their arrival at the mock crime scene, students will collect valuable information that will allow them to identify the cetacean and formulate as well as test a hypothesis for why the stranding occurred

## Lab Programs

### Sedimentology Lab

Labs for Grades 3-5 or 6-12

Up to 30 students

Tiny sand grains started out as something much bigger! Discover the geological processes that shape our beaches and learn what they're really made of. Use microscopes to compare and contrast sand from around the world. Learn to read the story told by the grains of sand on a beach.

### Plankton Lab

Labs for Grades 3-5 or 6-12

Up to 30 students

Most plankton may be small, but they've got a big job to do! Learn the importance of plankton and meet some eye-to-eye. Students will spy on the secret world of tiny, living organisms that come straight from Tampa Bay..

### Squid Dissection Lab

Labs for Grades 1-2, 3-5 or 6-12

Up to 30 students

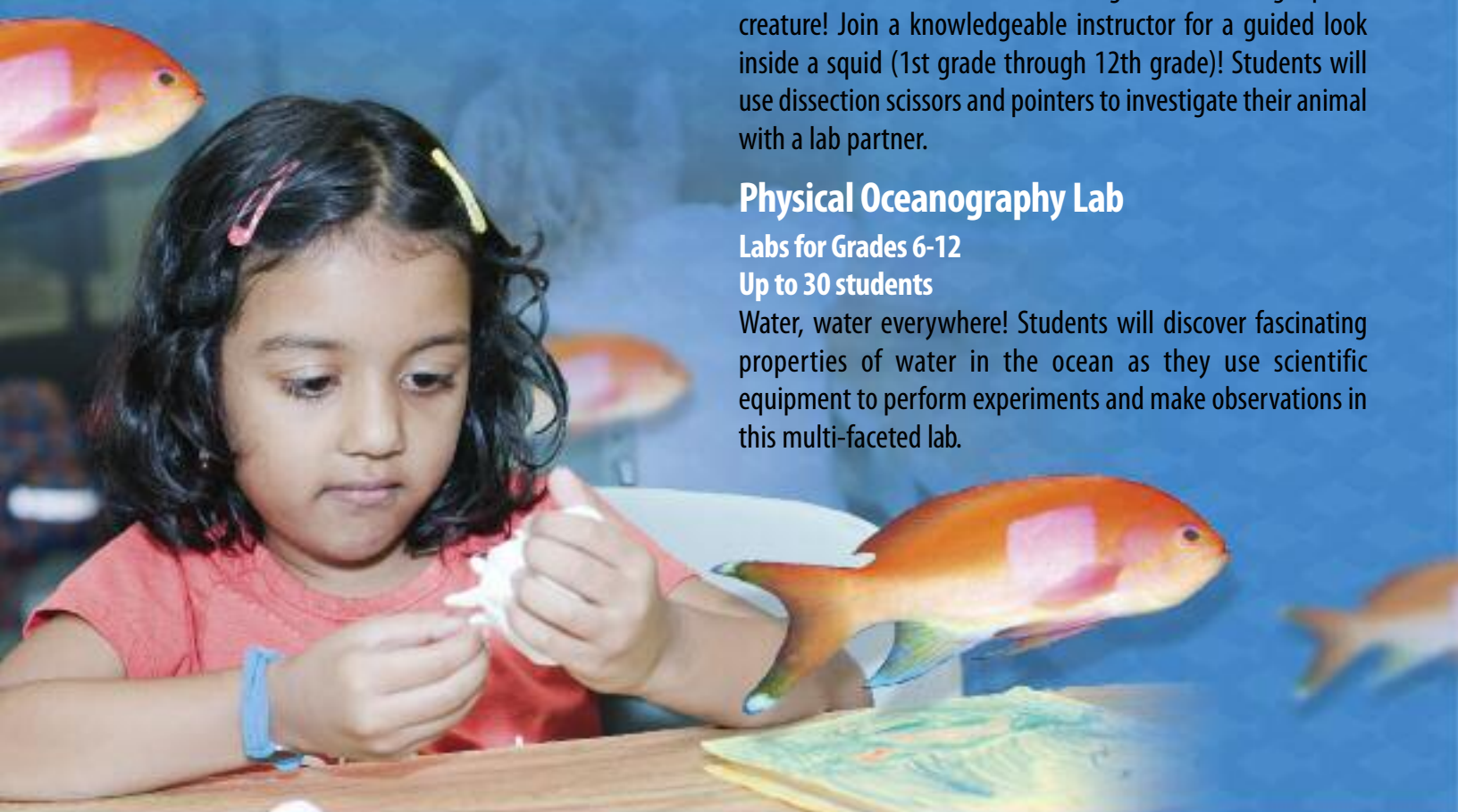
Discover the inner and outer workings of an amazing aquatic creature! Join a knowledgeable instructor for a guided look inside a squid (1st grade through 12th grade)! Students will use dissection scissors and pointers to investigate their animal with a lab partner.

### Physical Oceanography Lab

Labs for Grades 6-12

Up to 30 students

Water, water everywhere! Students will discover fascinating properties of water in the ocean as they use scientific equipment to perform experiments and make observations in this multi-faceted lab.



# Special Programs

## Themed Sleepovers!

### Sleep with the Fishes

Grades 2-12 & College Students

7:30pm - 9:30am

Dive into sleeping bags in front of snoozin' sharks and evening eels and have a wet and wild sleepover! Reserve your sleepover as soon as possible, as dates are limited and fill up quickly. *Call and ask about our new menu of themed sleepovers!*

### Pick your sleepover!

- Aquarium Adventure (traditional sleepover)
- Sharks (all about sharks, includes a dissection)
- Nocturnal Nights (includes a plankton tow)
- Birthday Party! (includes making a coral polyp cupcake, games, animal encounter, and other Aquarium activities)

### Any sleepover can include:

- Late-night pizza snack and light breakfast
- Admission to the Aquarium the next day
- Sleeping next to the fishes
- One free chaperone for every ten children
- Ask about adding a dive show for \$75

Prices based on group size for most sleepovers and may include a dive show fee, and/or a lab fee.

### Program Fee:

15 -19 people = \$42.00 per person

20 - 49 people = \$38.00 per person

50+ people = \$34.00 per person

Add a dive show = \$75.00

**Add a souvenir "Sleep with the Fishes" Patch for \$2 per student**  
**One free adult for every 10 paying students**  
(additional adults pay the student rate)

## Behind the Scenes Tour:

### The Inside Story

Grades 3-12 & College Students

Program Fee: \$3.00 per person

10-20 participants, including chaperones

(year-round, based on staff availability)

10-20 participants, including chaperones (year-round, based on staff availability) Ever wonder what it takes to operate a REALLY big fish tank? Go behind the scenes and take a closer look at food preparation and animal care. See a different side of the exhibits not open to the public. This tour lasts approximately 30 minutes

## Exploring the Bay

Grades 5-12 & College Students

45-130 participants

Come aboard our catamaran, the Bay Spirit II, and see Tampa Bay in a whole new way! Search for dolphins, birds, and other aquatic life forms in their natural habitat. Tours are narrated by an education instructor.

- Reservations are required and are on a first come basis
- Two weeks minimum advanced notice for reservations
- Education tours last approximately 90 minutes and are offered Monday through Friday at 11:00 AM
- Cost is \$16.00 per person, with one adult free for every 10 students. Additional adults can be added at the student rate
- A minimum of 45 paid participants (\$720) is required
- Combination tickets (Boat and Aquarium) are \$19.00 per person, with one free adult per 10 students. Additional adults pay the student rate
- \$100 non-refundable deposit due within one week of reservation. Credit card or check accepted for deposit. Full payment is made on program day
- Groups must check-in at least 30 minutes prior to departure

**The Aquarium reserves the right to cancel boat programs due to poor weather, technical difficulties, or late arrival.**



# Traveling Programs

Program	Pre-K	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Students	Minutes
A-B-Seas	🐟	🐟													15-20	30
Adaptive Advantage: Radical Reptiles			🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟					15-125	45-60
Animal Ambassadors	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	15-125	45
Animal Armor	🐟	🐟													15-20	30
Aquatic Field Study What's in your Water?								🐟	🐟	🐟					15-25	45-60
Backyard Basics			🐟	🐟											15-125	45
Living the Aquarium Life											🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	15-125	45-60
Ocean Odyssey								🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	15-125	45-60
Surf Zone			🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟	🐟								15-40	45-60
Wild Wetlands					🐟	🐟	🐟								15-125	45-60

## Water Wheels: We Come To You!

The Water Wheels program is a favorite of many teachers. It provides students with a hands-on opportunity to learn about animals and environmental science right at their school.

**Students are more likely to remember lessons when they can touch, see and feel animals.**

- Available year-round
  - Pre-K-K programs are 30 minutes, and all other ages are 45-60 minutes.
  - \$195 for first program/\$150 for each additional program; same day, same site/plus mileage within 75 miles of The Florida Aquarium.
  - You may choose two different programs, but there is a limit of 3 programs per visit
- There is a maximum of two programs per day for A-B-Seas and Surf Zone. These programs cannot be booked with other outreach programs.
- The Aquatic Field Studies and Surf Zone programs use the field study approach to marine science. Please see program descriptions for more details.

*Our teachers loved the Water Wheels program. The Aquarium's instructors and animals came to our school, which made it easy and convenient for us. The experience was also unique and memorable for our students!—Lynn McDaniel, Middle School Teacher*



# Traveling Program Descriptions

## **Animal Armor** **Pre K – Kindergarten** **15-20 students**

Students will be introduced to the many unique forms of animal coats and coverings through the storybook *Do Frogs Have Fur?* written by Michael Dahl. To further explore, students will have the opportunity to touch a variety of biofacts and meet LIVE animal ambassadors from the Aquarium.

## **A-B-Seas** **Pre K – Kindergarten** **15-20 students**

Students will begin their exploration of the undersea world through the storybook *The Pout Pout Fish* written by Deborah Diesen. To further explore, students will have the opportunity to touch a variety of marine biofacts and meet LIVE marine invertebrates.

## **NEW! Surf Zone** **Grades 1-5** **15-40 students**

Crashing waves, salty water, and predators around every corner; these are just some of the obstacles that marine invertebrates face on a daily basis in the ever changing environment that we call the beach. Using a field study approach students will investigate non-living properties like sand and saltwater and classify marine invertebrates by meeting some living creatures and looking at biofacts like, shells, molts, seeds and bones!

## **Backyard Basics** **Grades 1-2** **15-40 students**

There is so much to explore in the amazing and diverse world right outside our backdoor. In this program students will learn about unique Florida habitats as well as meet LIVE animals that call Florida home.

## **Adaptive Advantage: Radical Reptiles** **Grades 1-3** **15-125 students**

Have you ever wondered how reptiles have survived on Earth for millions of years? Put your own adaptive advantage to the test against these cold blooded critters. Through interactive challenges, biofacts, and LIVE animal encounters students will experience survival techniques of these radical reptiles. How will you measure up?

## **Aquatic Field Studies: What's in Your Water?** **Grades 4-8** **15-25 students**

Every living organism needs water to survive, but is there ever a time when water can be dangerous? Students will learn about the fundamentals of water quality as well as performing water quality testing in this interactive program. You pick the testing site and we will meet you there with all of the testing supplies.

## **Wild Wetlands** **Grades 3-5** **15-125 students**

The Florida wetlands are home to many animals ranging from the endangered Florida Panther to the small but abundant Southern Toad. Students will be immersed in a program that explores the wonders of the wetlands through biofact investigation and an opportunity to meet a variety of LIVE animal ambassadors from the Aquarium. Wetlands ecology and conservation will be the main topics of discussion.

## **NEW! Ocean Odyssey** **Grades 6-12** **15-125 students**

Stories of mythical larger than life ocean creatures terrorizing the sea have mystified people for years. In this program students will be introduced to a variety of these big-eyed creatures but will soon see them for their true identities. Students will have the opportunity to examine biofacts, participate in challenges and immerse themselves in the many wonders of the ocean.

## **NEW! Living the Aquarium Life** **Grade 9- Adult** **15- 125 students/participants**

Have you ever wanted to know the ins and outs of work life at an aquarium? Meet one of The Florida Aquarium's fabulous instructors and find out what experience and education they needed to get a job in the field of marine science. Take a virtual journey behind the scenes of The Florida Aquarium and make sure to get your questions ready!



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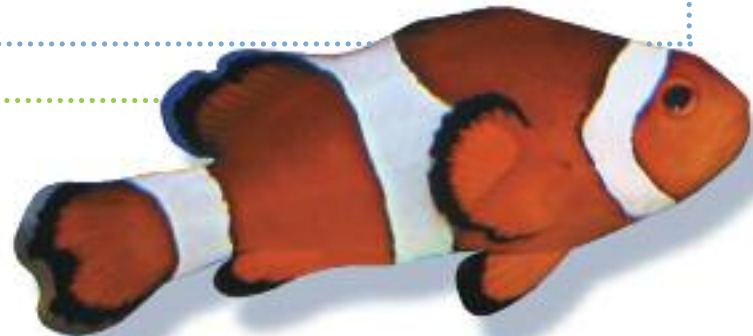
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