

Anatomy of the Rainforest Teacher Information

ANATOMY OF THE RAINFOREST SCHOOL PROGRAM

What to expect

The Anatomy of the Rainforest School Program offers your students an extraordinary opportunity to explore a tropical rainforest in Vancouver. Your class enters the Aquarium's Graham Amazon Gallery habitat and discovers the awe-inspiring diversity and ingenious adaptations of plants and animals including kapok trees, piranhas, scarlet ibises, caimans, matamata turtles, cockroaches and many other species.

During their Amazon experience, your students participate in the fun game Jungleopardy, observe live animals and plants in the steamy gallery, and use problem-solving activities and discussions to develop an understanding of the uniqueness and importance of rainforest habitats. Students learn how they affect these tropical rainforests from their homes in temperate zones and how they can make this impact a positive one.

This flexible rainforest-based program is frequently adapted for classes in primary and intermediate grades in order to introduce as many children as possible to this vital and vulnerable habitat.



The Amazon Rainforest School Program provides an exciting, educational experience which complements the learning outcomes of the B.C. Ministry of Education's Integrated Resource Packages.

The general objectives of the program are to:

- introduce students to the concepts of biological diversity and adaptation
- develop a knowledge of the complexity and fragility of the Amazonian ecosystem
- inspire students with an appreciation of the world's rainforests and an understanding of the importance of conservation on a global scale
- consider ways students can play a role in helping to conserve rainforests