

Water Wonders Teacher Information

WHAT YOUR CLASS WILL DO AT THE AQUARIUM

Introduction

The Water Wonders School Program opens with a puppet show starring Sammy Salmon. Sammy tells about his life from the streams of his birth to his migration to the Pacific Ocean and introduces a collection of aquatic animals featured in the program.

Stations

Volunteer Educators guide small groups of four-to-eight students through the Aquarium's galleries. Students visit each animal station for approximately five minutes.

MacMillan Gallery of Whales and Max Bell Marine Mammal Centre B.C.

MARINE MAMMALS: Students view dolphins, seals, sea lions and sea otters. Each group investigates marine mammal characteristics and adaptations, comparing and contrasting them to humans and fishes.

Arctic Canada **ARCTIC MARINE MAMMALS:** Students compare beluga whales to other whales, while discovering how belugas have adapted to life in the North.

Sandwell North Pacific Gallery B.C. **INVERTEBRATES:** Students observe an octopus and touch a variety of invertebrates. Educators introduce marine conservation concepts.

MacMillan Tropical Gallery **TROPICAL FISHES:** Students observe sharks, stingrays, seahorses and other tropical fishes. They also discover the wonder of a shark's jaws and more fascinating and real educational props.

Wrap Up

The Water Wonders School Program wraps up when all your students reunite to share experiences about what they have learned and seen. This conclusion gives Aquarium Educators an opportunity to review and clarify different aspects of the program.

Total Time of Program

1 hour and 15 minutes

Before or After the Program

You and your class are welcome to visit the Aquarium's galleries at no additional charge.

Note: Due to the continuous development of new Aquarium displays, you may not be able to see all the animals mentioned above during your program. We regret any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.