



**New York Aquarium**

A Wildlife Conservation Society Park

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science initiative

Dive in and experience the incredible diversity of the world's oceans, see our revitalized exhibits and experience the thrills of our Aquatheater! Have your students share in an activity to observe mammal behaviors or how species interact in our exhibits.

Each Class Visit voucher admits up to 40 visitors, including chaperones and teachers. **Class Visit vouchers expire May 31.** Parking is \$16 per bus, and is included with programs and guided tours only. Parking is not included with self-guided investigation shorts.

It is recommended that you pre-visit the Aquarium on your own using your ivory-colored Teacher Planning voucher, so you can familiarize yourself with our layout. No reservation is required to pre-visit us using your Teacher Planning voucher. Please visit <http://nyaquarium.com/visitor-info> for directions, maps, operating hours, dining options, rules, accessibility information and other useful visitor information.

## School Programs and Guided Tours

All options include General Admission so you can explore the Aquarium after your program. Programs and tours are 60 minutes in length.

**Edge of the Sea:** In this one-of-a-kind experience, we head down to the edge of the water to explore the sandy shore ecosystem. Students will collect plant and animal evidence and use field guides to identify and sort what they find. We'll meet a live local animal and walk away with an appreciation for the amazing aquatic organisms that call Coney Island home. Program dates available September through mid-November and mid-April through May.

**Fish: Diversity and Adaptations:** Discover why fish are among the most successful and diverse animals on earth! We'll focus on physical adaptations as we go hands on with specimens and use tailor-made guides to identify and interpret a wide range of fish attributes within Aquarium exhibits. Finally, we'll "build-a-fish" to match the needs of a given habitat and discuss species resiliency through the lens of changing climates.

**Marine Mammal Behavior:** In this standards aligned program, students gain experience with scientific tools used to investigate animal behavior. Our instructor will guide students in utilizing our exhibits to create ethograms for sea otters, record data for sea lions, and become familiar with two different data sampling methods. We'll also review characteristics of marine mammals and touch a real sea otter pelt! Don't miss this comprehensive introduction to animal behavior studies.

**Guided Tour:** Explore the New York Aquarium's amazing animals with the guidance of an expert conservation educator. Your one-hour tour will cover a range of topics including classification, adaptations, habitats, ecosystems, biodiversity, conservation, careers and climate change. Our educators can tailor the experience to your students' needs and guide your students in animal behavior field study investigation choices.

**Investigation Sidekick:** An Aquarium educator will accompany you and your class to gather data for Animal Behavior Field Study Investigations. You pick the date and we'll provide support and materials including clipboards, pencils, post-its, and timers.



## To book a program or tour:

1. Go to <http://bit.ly/UAProgramsatNYA> (case sensitive) and fill out the web form to book your visit. We will send you a confirmation invoice and reservation number via email within two business days.
2. Write your reservation number on the lower-right corner of your completed voucher(s). **Mail your voucher(s) and a copy of your invoice to the address indicated on your invoice well in advance of your scheduled date of visit.** Please note that this mailing address is for our headquarters in the Bronx. Once we receive your voucher(s), we will send you a final confirmation. Print this confirmation and bring it with you when you visit the Aquarium.
3. When you arrive, show the Admissions gate agent your confirmation. They will notify the instructor of your arrival.

## Investigation Shorts (Self-Guided)

This self-guided investigation will give your students an introduction to Animal Behavior Field Study Investigations using animals and exhibits at the Aquarium. We will provide you with worksheets for three different Investigation Shorts: Pinnipeds, Clownfish and Fish Body Shape. You decide the best way to use these materials with your class during your visit. Review these worksheets on your own and with your students before your visit to ensure your students get the most out of your time at the Aquarium.

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2. Write your reservation number on the lower-right corner of your completed voucher(s).
3. When you arrive, show the Admissions gate agent your confirmation and turn in your voucher(s).

## Urban Naturalists: Wild NYC (Outreach Program)

Interested in a New York Aquarium education program but can't make it down to Coney Island? Let the Aquarium come to your school! Wildlife surrounds our city, in our waters and long our coastline. Discover a wild NYC that flourishes within our coastal habitats through exploring biofacts, meeting a live animal, and creation of a naturalist journal. This program will give your students the foundation to conduct their own field study in the natural habitats hidden within our urban landscape.

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2. Write your reservation number on the lower-right corner of your completed voucher(s). **Mail your voucher(s) and a copy of your invoice to the address indicated on your invoice well in advance of your scheduled program date.** Please note that this mailing address is for our headquarters in the Bronx. Once we receive your voucher(s), we will send you a final confirmation. Print this confirmation so you can show it to us when we arrive at your school.

## Cancellation Policy

Vouchers cannot be returned once submitted. Cancellations and requests to reschedule must be submitted in advance. All rescheduled visits are subject to availability. Please verify your transportation arrangements with your bus company prior to your date of visit. We are open rain or shine, so please encourage your students to dress appropriately for the weather.

If you have any questions about booking your trip, please email us at [nyaeducation@wcs.org](mailto:nyaeducation@wcs.org).  
We look forward to seeing you!