

Dive in and experience the incredible diversity of the world's oceans, experience the thrills of our Aquatheater and our *Ocean Wonders: Sharks!* exhibit! 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 at the New York Aquarium is not available. Buses can drop off alongside Surf Ave.

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; they do not include entrance into the 4D Theater. Programs and tours are 60 minutes in length.

Edge of the Sea (Class): The beach as our classroom? Not too shabby! 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 April through May.**

Fish of New York: Diversity & Adaptations (Class): Discover why fish are among the most successful and diverse animals on earth! We'll focus on physical adaptations of local species found right here in New York, from sharks to sea robins! Using tailor-made guides, students will explore the exhibits of *Ocean Wonders: Sharks!* to find out how our fishy New York neighbors can mix and mingle in our city below the sea. We'll conclude with a "build a fish" activity to create the perfect New York aquatic resident!

Marine Animal Behavior (Class; UA Only, not listed on website!): In this standards aligned program, students will gain hands-on experience in data collection through exhibit observations and classroom teachings. Our Educator will guide students in utilizing our exhibits to gather and record data for animal behavior. We'll also review characteristics of marine mammals, explore a related biofact and meet a live animal! Don't miss this comprehensive introduction to animal behavior studies.

Investigation Sidekick (Class; UA Only, not listed on website!): Are you and your students ready to collect data for Animal Behavior Field Study (ABSF) Investigations? **This program is only available to teachers who have completed an ABFS investigation for their Cycle 2 with one of the Zoos or the Aquarium.** To book this program, your students should already have aquarium specific investigation questions that they are researching. An Aquarium Educator will accompany your class as students work to gather data for their pre-established ABSF investigative questions at one of the set exhibit locations. You pick the date and we'll provide the materials needed for your students to collect their data, including clipboards, pencils, post-its, and timers. Our Educators will be with you to guide you through best practices for data collection while utilizing our exhibits here at the Aquarium. Please come prepared with your class broken up into groups based on their Investigative Questions and ready to collect your data!

Marine Biodiversity (Tour): Explore our Sea Cliffs & Conservation Hall exhibits with one of our Expedition Leaders on an inquiry-based tour through these outdoor & indoor spaces. Students will learn through questioning & observation how animals in marine & freshwater environments are diverse & well adapted to their unique habitats.

Ocean Wonders: Sharks! (Tour; Available October- March): Explore our *Ocean Wonders: Sharks!* exhibit with one of our Expedition Leaders on an inquiry-based tour through this indoor space. Students will learn through questioning & observation how sharks & other fish survive in their habitat by exploring our state-of-the art exhibit that takes us deep into their world.

To book a program or tour:

1. Go to <http://uanyc.science/NYAprograms> and fill out the web form to book your visit, or call us at 800.433.4149. 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. We must receive your voucher(s) 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.

To book a self-guided investigation short:

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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: (Outreach Program)

Wildlife surrounds our city, in our waters & along our coastline. Discover with us a wild NYC that flourishes within our coastal habitats through exploring biofacts, meeting a live animal, & creation of a naturalist journal. This program will give your students the foundation they need to go on & conduct their own field study or become a community scientist in the natural habitats hidden within our urban landscape.

To book an outreach program:

1. Go to <http://uanyc.science/NYAprograms> and fill out the web form to book your program or call us at 800.433.4149. 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. We must receive your voucher(s) 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 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.
We look forward to seeing you!