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## **AQUARIUM ADVENTURE DAY**

**North Cliff:      October 20 (Fri)**  
**Upper School:    October 23 (Mon)**

**BE A MARINE EXPLORER!!**

Investigate different animal artifacts that can be found on the beach and oceans. Who do they belong to and what are they used for? Experience interactive touch tables and a fun high-energy assembly!



**LIVE ANIMALS  
TOUCH TABLE**



For your child to be a MARINE EXPLORER, you must complete and sign the attached release form.

**Release Forms are Due by**  
**Monday, October 9**  
**to your child's homeroom teacher**

## **HANDS ON TOUCH TABLES (North Cliff and Upper School):**

**Live Animals** Hands-on tables will have some **live animals** for the children to touch. Tidepool invertebrates like seastars, young horseshoe crabs, or spider crabs, which can be handled safely and should not present any health risks. These animals are generally harmless and can tolerate being out of water for short periods of time.

**Beach Box** Sandbox for the children to explore, filled with various biofacts that can be found on local beaches. Children will learn what animals the shells and other biofacts come from, how they get their names, and how the animals use the beach as their home. Some things in the box do not belong on the beach, so children can discuss ways to properly dispose of litter, and how litter can harm the animals that use the beach as their home.

**Marine Mammal Biofacts** Hands-on table holds biofacts from marine mammals, such as seals and whales. Whales and seals are mammals, and as mammals, have backbones, are warm-blooded, breathe with lungs, have fur, and bear live young that they feed with milk.

**Shark Biofacts** Hands-on table holds biofacts from sharks. Sharks are fish, and as fish, have backbones, are cold-blooded, breathe with gills, and use fins to propel themselves through the water. Students are able to explore what different shark teeth look like as well as touch some shark skin.

**Note:** Marine Mammal Touch tables include seal pelts and fur.

### **North Cliff Assembly**

#### **Who Lives Where?** (Pre-K to Grade 2)

Students will meet four animals and learn about the adaptations that help them to survive in their habitat. Meet animals from a rainforest, desert, and ocean!

LIVE ANIMALS (expected): Horse shoe crab, tortoise, Bearded Dragon, Owl

### **Upper School Assembly**

#### **Habitat Heroes** (Grades 3 – 8)

Students will meet locally endangered animals and learn what they can do to help conserve the animals that live in their own backyards.

LIVE ANIMALS (expected): Corn snake, Owl, Horseshoe crab, Diamond Terrapin (turtle)

**Student/Live Animal Interaction:** For Touch Tables, horseshoe crabs are generally known to be harmless (don't bite nor sting) and a star fish (although a live animal) is not really active. Parent volunteers will help ensure children are especially careful handling these animals.

During the Assemblies, live animals and other biofacts may be presented. For Assemblies, not all animals are touchable. Depending on the assembly and subject to the discretion of the staff of the Center for Aquatic Sciences, some volunteer audience member may be asked to come up to touch these biofacts or live animals on-stage.

# Aquarium Adventure Day RELEASE FORM

STUDENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE & CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOMEROOM TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT CELL/PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_

## ACTIVITY RELEASE:

\_\_\_\_\_ I give permission for my child (named) above to **FULLY** participate in the Aquarium Adventure Day at my child's school. Full participation includes the ability to touch items on the touch tables and the assembly including live animals specified on the previous pages.

\_\_\_\_\_ My child is **NOT** allowed to participate in the "touch" portion of the day. This includes handling any animals or biofacts on a touch table or as a volunteer on stage. Please specify restrictions (allergic to XXX, etc.)

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## PHOTO RELEASE:

I recognize that the ECEF uses photographs and video events in ECEF publications including websites and newsletters. I hereby grant permission for photos/video images of my child be taken and used for such purposes.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS:

The ECEF needs your help to have a successful AQUARIUM ADVENTURE DAY.

We need parents to volunteer to man the touch tables for at least a half-day.

MORNING SESSION (9:30 to 12:00)

AFTERNOON SESSION (12:00-2:30)

**PLEASE NOTE: ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST attend an orientation session by the Aquarium staff from 9:00-9:30 am on the day of the event.**

Please let us know if you would like us to contact you via your e-mail about this volunteer opportunity.

### North Cliff (October 20, Friday)

I am interested in volunteering for the morning session and can attend 9-9:30 orientation.

I am interested in volunteering for the afternoon session and can attend 9-9:30 orientation.

### Upper School (October 23, Monday)

I am interested in volunteering for the morning session and can attend 9-9:30 orientation.

I am interested in volunteering for the afternoon session and can attend 9-9:30 orientation.

PARENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT CELL: \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you!

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