

# AQUARIUM FIELD TRIP

## Frequently Asked Questions

### When are these Field Trips offered?

- In-person Field Trip time slots are during 9:30AM -11:30AM and 12PM - 2PM, Monday-Friday, and are 2 hours long. If necessary, accommodations around timing can be made by contacting Robert Ramos, Field Trip Coordinator. Each session has a similar structure with a different theme depending on the grade-level of the students.

### What is the maximum number of students allowed in each session?

- There will be a maximum of 65 students that will be allowed in each session

### Is there any financial assistance available?

- To receive financial assistance, your class or program must include a minimum of 40 students
- There is grant funding available for Title 1 students/groups to cover field trip costs.
- Simply select the option "Yes", when prompted with, "Is this School Title 1?" and, "Are you interested in a bus stipend?", on our intake form. We will follow up with you regarding availability.

### What is my role as the Teacher?

- As a Teacher, we ask that you help us moderate your students and help connect their learning to our program lesson. During the activities, you can participate by asking guided questions to help students practice making observations, asking questions, and making connections to prior knowledge and experiences. We ask for your assistance in maintaining a safe learning space for the students and the aquarium creatures.

If this form hasn't answered your questions, please feel free to contact Robert Ramos at [rrosamos@healthebay.org](mailto:rrosamos@healthebay.org)

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### Snacks & Lunches

- Eating areas
  - Tables and benches on the Pier deck directly above the Aquarium.
  - Grassy hillside, near the palm trees just south of the Aquarium.
  - Beach, or at the tables at the chess park (south of the pier).
  - Please remember to recycle whenever possible and dispose of all lunch trash properly.
  - Also, there are many snack stands on the Pier and boardwalk where groups can purchase food and drinks.
  - No food or drink will be allowed in the Aquarium

### Bathrooms

- Our facility only has two bathrooms for school group use.
- The best time to use them is during the gallery exploration.
- There are also public restrooms on the North side of the pier, just around the corner from the aquarium.
- Due to our field trip and public programs schedule, we unfortunately cannot let a school group inside to use our bathrooms outside of their field trip time.

### Inclement Weather

- You can expect to go out to the beach for the field portion of your trip (2-hour program) as scheduled unless there is a steady rain or thunder.
- If there is a steady rain, the beach portion of the trip will be adapted for either the Aquarium, or outside under a covered area.
- We cannot honor requests for field trips to be cancelled or rescheduled due to rain.
- Refunds will not be given if a school chooses to cancel their reservation for this reason.

### Chaperone Expectations (Ratio - 5:1 for K-2nd grade, 10:1 for 3rd grade +)

- Chaperones are expected to help facilitate the field trip by helping students stay together, listening to instructions, and modeling appropriate behavior.
- Chaperones might be needed to join groups of students to help with activity after introduced by staff, and can help facilitate student learning with guided questions.
- Minimal social conversations during lessons.
- We encourage taking pictures (without flash), but please hold off while staff is giving an introduction or talking about rules.

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### Know Before You Go....

We want our visitors to be prepared for beach exploration. Please wear comfortable clothes. The weather can range from cool and foggy to hot and sunny. Dress warmly and in layers.

For maximum comfort consider wearing/bringing the following:

- Long pants can be rolled up, or wear shorts in hot weather.
- A sweatshirt, sweater, windbreaker or jacket, with t-shirt underneath.
- Closed-toe shoes. Water shoes or an old pair of tennis shoes that can get wet and sandy are best.
- Face mask.
- Hat.
- Sunscreen.
- Sunglasses.
- Reusable water bottle or juice.
- Snacks or lunch: Please pack your food in environmentally friendly containers, i.e. minimize prepackaged goods, pack food in reusable containers.

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