



Chaperone Agreement

Thank you for being a chaperone for our field trip to OdySea Aquarium. You have a very important role in helping to make our group's trip a fun, educational, and meaningful experience.

As a chaperone, you are responsible for managing the behavior of the students in your group. We have outlined a few very important expectations below.

Please initial that you understand these expectations.

_____ I understand that I will be responsible for the group of students that the teacher assigns to me.

_____ I understand that I must stay with my assigned students at all times.

_____ I understand that I must be attentive to the students and know where they are at all times.

_____ I understand that I am responsible for ensuring that the students in my group are respectful to each other, to the staff, to the other guests, to the animals, and to the property of the aquarium.

_____ I understand that I am to encourage students to learn about the various animals and exhibits.

_____ I understand that I am responsible for ensuring my group is where they should be at the appropriate times.

_____ I understand that no outside food is allowed in the aquarium.

_____ I understand that photos and videos are allowed, but that the flash and video light must be turned off.

_____ If visiting the gift shop, I understand that I am responsible for monitoring the behavior of all of the students in my group.

_____ I understand that each of the students in my group, as well as myself as a chaperone, are representatives of our school/group and that our behavior can positively or negatively impact future field trips for the school/group.

_____ I have read and understand the information on the back side that gives more details about aquarium.

Printed Name: _____ Cell phone #: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____



OdySea Aquarium Field Trip - Additional Information

The students must treat the aquarium as an extension of their classroom, not as an extension of the playground. They should use walking feet and inside voices. They should take every opportunity to learn new information.

Overview of the Rules

- * There are two areas where the students are allowed to touch the animals – The Tidal Touch Pool and SeaTREK. Students need to be gentle and use “two-finger touch”. They may not pick up any of the animals. They should wash their hands before and after.
- * Students need to use quiet inside voices. The acoustics inside the aquarium tend to make the sounds echo & reverberate, so please have students use quiet voices.
- * Students need to use walking feet.
- * Benches and ledges are not for climbing or standing on.
- * Railing are not for playing on, swinging from, or doing flips. The flooring underneath is concrete and creates a liability issue. It also creates a safety issue for other guests.

Tour of the Aquarium

- * Field trips are self-guided, but there will be Education Specialists, Animal Care Specialists, and Guest Relation Specialists throughout the aquarium to help the students learn about the animals and exhibits.
- * The aquarium has two levels for guests to explore. Student groups will enter through a side hallway and go up the escalator to begin the tour on the upper floor.
- * Elevators are available for students with wheelchairs or disabilities and for young students who cannot use the escalator safely.
- * Each floor should take approximately an hour to an hour and a half to see the exhibits. The total time inside the aquarium should be about 2 to 3 hours, but you are welcome to stay longer if your group’s schedule permits.
- * Because of the layout of the aquarium, students should finish everything they want to see on the upper floor before they move to the lower floor. The escalators only run in one direction.
- * We will give your group designated times to meet at the end of the upper floor & the end of the aquarium visit to help keep everyone on-track timewise.
- * Students are required to stay with their assigned chaperone at all times, but each student/chaperone group may travel as their own unit and meet the rest of the group at designated times.
- * Encourage the students to spend a minimum of 2-5 minutes at each exhibit so they can observe and learn. Have them notice at least 3 things about each exhibit and the animals that live in it (shape, size, coloration, swim patterns, adaptations, mouth shape, diet, region they originate from, endangered species status, etc.)
- * If students rush past exhibits it will make it so they do not learn even a fraction of what the aquarium has to offer and will put them at the end of the tour too early.

Lunches

- * No outside food is allowed inside of the aquarium. (If you have a student who is diabetic or has other medical issues, please let us know what accommodations need to be made.)
- * We do not have space for lunchbox or backpack storage inside the aquarium and there is no re-entry during the field trip. Student lunches should remain on the bus or in cars until the end of the field trip.
- * We encourage students to eat before or after the field trip.

Use of the Courtyard

- * The outside courtyard area is part of OdySea in the Desert and can be used for eating snacks/lunches.
- * There is a snack bar that sells food items. It is not guaranteed that the snack bar will be open during the time of your visit.
- * The outside courtyard is a public area and cannot be reserved, but is available on a first come, first seated basis.
- * Please make sure students are respectful and properly dispose of their trash.
- * Teachers and chaperones are responsible for their group’s behavior while using the courtyard area.
- * Teachers & chaperones must ensure that students are not throwing things, or running or jumping across the planters, fountains, or stage.

Loading the Bus

- * All students and chaperones should be at the bus pick-up area between OdySea Aquarium and Dolphinaris 15 minutes before you need to leave so you have enough time to ensure everyone is accounted for and loaded onto the bus.
- * Students should form a single file line behind their chaperones.
- * Students should sit on the benches if they need to wait for the bus to arrive.

Will we see the dolphins? No, OdySea Aquarium does not have dolphins. The dolphins are part of Dolphinaris which is a completely different company with a separate admission.

Can we use the bathrooms in the lobby where we can see the sharks? No, unfortunately we cannot allow groups to visit the bathroom in the lobby because of fire marshal maximum occupancy regulations for the lobby. There are only a few stalls in the lobby restrooms and we cannot have the extra students and chaperones in the lobby. The layout of the aquarium does not allow for the groups to visit the lobby after they begin. The sharks are viewable from three other areas at the aquarium – in the Living Sea Carousel, and two viewing areas outside of the Living Sea Carousel. Bathrooms are available in the Café area and outside the 3D theater. There are also restrooms outside in the courtyard area by the escalators.

Can we leave and re-enter? No, the aquarium does not allow students to leave and re-enter. Please plan your arrival and lunch plans accordingly.



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To keep the group on schedule time-wise, we recommend the following time schedule:

Time	Approximate Amount of Time	Activity
	15-30 minutes	Make final payments, get wristbands, get intro and overview of expectations
	5 minutes	Enter building through side hallway, go up escalator into Freshwater Gallery
	15-25 minutes	Explore Freshwater Gallery
	5-10 minutes	Otters
	5 minutes	Use the restrooms by the Cafe
	15-20 minutes	Tidal Touch Pool & SeaTREK Stingray Touch Area
	10-15 minutes	Penguins & Ocean Ingredients Information
	10 minutes	Lite Brite, coloring & water table
	15 minutes	Deep sea escalator and Bizarre & Beautiful
	15-20 minutes	3D movie on whale sharks
	5 minutes	Use the restrooms by the 3D movie theater
	10-15 minutes	Clown fish, Great Barrier Reef tunnel, Green Moray Eel
	20 minutes	Living Sea Carousel
	5 minutes	Jellyfish
	20 minutes	Gift shop, if teacher allows
	5 minutes	Exit – go to bus pick up area or courtyard to meet your group

Your group should plan to stay on the upper floor until: _____

Your group should plan to enter the Living Seas Carousel between

_____ & _____

Your group should not exit the aquarium until: _____

Your group will meet at bus pick up area or courtyard at _____