NOW OFFERING
THE FOLLOWING ROUTES OF
AQUATIC EXPLORATION

SELF-GUIDED TOURS
Sail through the Aquarium Adventure Exhibit at your own pace! Your Self-Guided Tour will take you through the North American Wilderness, Desert, Wharf, Rainforest and Ocean habitats, just to name a few! We estimate at least an hour to tour the exhibits. Engage your students with your own curriculum or ours.

CLASSROOM PROGRAMS
Sit back, relax and leave the classroom teaching to us! Put your students in the hands of our expert aquarium educators for exciting classroom lessons on conservation, adaptation, food webs, habitats, locomotion and defense, all here at the Downtown Aquarium. Classroom Programs are 40-45 minutes in length and are all correlated with the Colorado Model Content Standards. Classroom Programs also include admission to the exhibits for a Self-Guided Tour at no extra fee.

Committed to education and conservation, the Downtown Aquarium houses more than 800 aquatic species guaranteed to keep your students interested and engaged. With 1 million gallons of fun, they won’t even realize they’re learning!

ACTIVITY WORKSHEETS ARE INCLUDED FOR BOTH SELF-GUIDED TOURS AND CLASSROOM PROGRAMS IN THE CONFIRMATION PACKET.

OCEARCH
Landry’s Downtown Aquarium is proud to announce its educational partnership with OCEARCH! Visit OCEARCH.org to access our free STEM-based curriculum, track live great white sharks, and learn all about shark conservation!

GIVE YOUR STUDENTS A FIELD TRIP THEY’LL NEVER FORGET!
“When I went into the shark class, I learned so many things about sharks and fish . . . it was so fun!”

“I do not know what is more fun than the Aquarium.”

“Thank you for an excellent field trip! That is the most fun place I have been to in my life.”

“I hope we go back to the Aquarium in the 4th grade!”

-Students from Sagebrush Elementary in Aurora, Colorado
We are excited to offer the following classroom program topics to help support the Colorado Standards for Education. Visit downtownaquarium.com under the Fun and Learning tab for current Colorado Standard correlations.

ONE FISH, TWO FISH, A-B-C FISH
Grades Pre K – Kindergarten
Maximum number: 60 students per time slot
Dive into the A-B-Cs and 1-2-3s with the critters at the Downtown Aquarium! Explore letters and numbers by naming and counting aquatic creatures, from Angelfish to Zebra Sharks.

BONELESS BODIES
Grades Pre K – Kindergarten
Maximum number: 60 students per time slot
Some animals have no bones! Join us as we observe the jiggling jellies, spiny lobsters and crawly crabs. While playing a fun movement game, students will discover how some of the boneless animals adapt to their water world.

TIDE POOL TREASURES
Grades: Pre K-2
Maximum number: 30 students per time slot
Come with us on a treasure hunt to discover some of the amazing critters that live in tide pools. Use poetry, movement and props to explore the ways these animals survive in their specialized environment.

CORAL COMMUNITIES
Grades 1-2
Maximum number: 60 students per time slot
A coral reef is a colorful, tropical neighborhood home to many different fish and invertebrates. Is coral an animal, plant or mineral? Discover what it takes to be a coral. Learn why so many creatures live together in one place. Become a coral community with your class.

HABITAT HIGHLIGHTS
Grades 1-2
Maximum number: 60 students per time slot
Join us as we hike up to the Alpine tundra, trek through the rainforest and then dive into the deep sea. Uncover the secret adaptations that animals in each of these habitats have to survive in their special environment. Find out why a pika is like a piggybank, what's bugging the rainforests and how deep-sea fish glow in the dark.

SENSATIONAL SHARKS
Grades Pre K-5
Maximum number: 60 students per time slot
Shark! The word alone grabs our attention. Look inside and out as we study the unique adaptations that make sharks so well suited for life at sea. Explore sharks’ fine-tuned senses. How do you size up compared to some sharks? Find out as we measure a few. Learn who the top predator in the ocean really is.

WILD ABOUT WATER
Grades 3-5
Maximum number: 30 students per time slot
Water, water, everywhere! Explore the special properties of water while discovering why all life is dependent on this unique substance. Through a series of STEM experiments, students will discover the different and fascinating characteristics of water and watery environments.

FABULOUS FISH
Grades 3-5
Maximum number: 60 students per time slot
Fish are equipped with amazing adaptations. Using a “Fabulous Fish” costume, students will observe both physical and behavioral adaptations that enable fish to survive.

SQUID: INSIDE & OUT
Grades 6-12
Maximum number: 60 students per time slot
Join us for an in-depth look at the world’s largest, fastest and most specialized invertebrate – the squid! Students will take a “guided tour” through a squid as they dissect one in partner teams. Learn about the squid’s interesting body parts both inside and out!

AQUARIUM: THE INSIDE STORY
Grades 6-12 (also available to college classes for $12 a student)
Maximum number: 30 students per time slot
Look behind-the-scenes at the chemistry, biology and technology of keeping thousands of aquatic animals healthy and a million gallons of water inhabitable. Learn about the nitrogen cycle and three types of filtration used in the Downtown Aquarium’s water cycle!

Closed-toed shoes are required for all participants in this program.

INVERTEBRATE INVESTIGATIONS
Grades 6-12
Maximum number: 30 students per time slot
Did you know that invertebrates account for 97% of the animal species on earth? Take a closer look at some of these amazing creatures in our hands-on lab, designed to introduce students to the practice and complexity of classification.
BOOKING YOUR GROUP VOYAGE IS EASY!

MAKING RESERVATIONS
• The Downtown Aquarium requires a completed reservation form, with full payment for all school groups. Please make your reservations as soon as possible; dates and time slots fill quickly.
  • Reservations must be made with full payment 2 weeks in advance for Self-Guided Tours and 3 weeks in advance for Classroom Programs.
  • To make your reservation you can email, fax or mail in the completed registration form with full payment.
  • March, April and May are the busiest months for field trips; we strongly recommend that you schedule your trip between September and February, when we can more easily accommodate your request.

PAYMENT
• All field trips and programs require full payment, due at least two weeks before your fieldtrip date.
  • We accept credit cards, checks and money orders.
  • We are not able to accept cash for school reservations.
  • You will receive a confirmation letter as a receipt after your payment is processed.

CANCELLATIONS AND CHANGES
• Your payment becomes non-refundable 2 weeks prior to your visit.
  • Changes must be made at least one week in advance of the visit and you will be charged a processing fee.

LET US HOOK YOUR STUDENTS ON AQUATIC LIFE WITH OUR EXCITING CLASSROOM PROGRAMS!

THESE PROGRAMS ARE FINTASTIC!
THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE YOUR VISIT

POLICIES AND GUIDELINES

· School groups must have a minimum of 10 students or you will be charged for the minimum of 10.

· The maximum group size for a Self-Guided Tour is 200 students. If you bring more than 200 students, your group will have staggered entry times.

· We require 1 adult chaperone for every 5 students; adults in this 1:5 ratio are free. Please make sure you count all teachers and school staff in this ratio. All chaperones and teachers must stay with their students at all times. Additional adult tickets can be pre-purchased by the school at the discounted group rate, or purchased at the box office for the full price on the day of the field trip.

· Because students have an opportunity to interact with some of our animals, we ask that teachers and chaperones encourage quiet, gentle behavior. Aquarium staff reserves the right to limit animal interaction time if students do not conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.

· If you choose not to pre-purchase extra adult tickets, they can purchase their own on the day of the field trip at the box office for the regular admission rate.

· Due to space constraints, only 1 teacher and 5 other adults will be admitted to the Classroom Programs (unless there are special needs). Siblings are not allowed in the Classroom Programs.

· If you are scheduled for a Classroom Program, please arrive 10 minutes in advance of your program time. If you are more than 10 minutes late for your classroom program, it will be cancelled and is non-refundable.

· NOTE: All adults, including teachers, must be included in your chaperone count when calculating the number of free adults. If you have more than one adult for every 5 children, extra adults (including teachers) must be invoiced to the school at the discounted group rate or will need to purchase their own ticket at the box office for the regular admission rate.

DOWNTOWN AQUARIUM DOES NOT HAVE A STORAGE AREA FOR LUNCHES, COATS OR BACKPACKS.

LUNCHES

· The Downtown Aquarium does not have an indoor lunch area. There are picnic tables and grassy lawns outside of the Aquarium for picnic lunches. Please plan accordingly.

· Box lunches are available to purchase through the Aquarium and must be pre-ordered at least two weeks in advance. Check the box on your reservation form and a lunch order form will be included with the confirmation packet. Seating will be outside, unless weather prohibits.

· Changes to your order need to be made no later than a week in advance.

CHECK-IN MADE EASY

· Please note the entry time on your confirmation letter, this is when your group will be allowed to check-in and enter the Aquarium.

· Your whole group must arrive together and be present at check-in. We do not have the ability to page people once they are inside the aquarium.

· Buses should pull into the loading area at the front of the building. An Aquarium staff member will meet you near your bus to greet you and check you in. Please arrive with an exact count of your students and adults. We will then record any payment adjustments.

· Schools that have a Self-Guided Tour will then proceed to enter the Aquarium exhibits and start their tour.

· Schools that have scheduled Classroom Programs will be directed to the designated area to meet your Educator.

· Make sure to bring your confirmation letter with you for check-in.

· Buses or school vans may park for free in the Aquarium parking lot. Please have the driver bring in the ticket for validation.

· If your chaperones or students are driving their own vehicles, we cannot validate parking.

CHECK OUT THE EDUCATION SECTION ON DOWNTOWNAQUARIUM.COM FOR ALL THE LATEST EDUCATION NEWS AND EVENTS!
MAKE YOUR TRIP AS MEMORABLE AS POSSIBLE BY VISITING OUR TREASURE CHEST GIFT SHOP!

OUTREACH
- Many of our Classroom Programs can be brought to you as an Outreach Program.
- Program titles include Boneless Bodies for Pre-K-K, Tide Pool Treasures for Pre-K-2,
  Sensational Sharks for grades 1-5,
  and Squid: Inside & Out for grades 6-12.
- Call for details on other types of Outreach options.

LOANER BOXES
- Looking for something new and unusual to supplement your classroom programming?
  Check out a Loaner Box.
- Each box contains a wide selection of biofacts, books, posters, videos and other props as well
  as grade-appropriate state standard correlated activities.
- Box topics include Coral Reefs for grades K-5, Fish for grades K-5; Marine Mammals for grades K-5;
  and Ocean for grades 6-12.

TEACHER WORKSHOPS
- Learn innovative and hands-on techniques to take to your classroom. Downtown Aquarium offers several Teacher
  Workshop topics.
- Continuing Education credit is available through the Colorado School of Mines.
- Please call for dates, topics and a registration form.

4D THEATER
Take your class on a 4D adventure. This short movie experience is similar to a 3-D movie, with added effects,
making it seem as if you are in the movie. To take your class on this experience, please mark the appropriate
line on the reservation form.

STATE STANDARD CORRELATIONS
Please visit the website to view the Colorado State Standards for our classroom programs.

FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS,
VISIT US ONLINE AT DOWNTOWNAQUARIUM.COM.
FOR RESERVATIONS, CALL 303-561-4444 TODAY!

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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School Field Trip Reservation Application
(The below pricing applies to the 2017-2018 school year effective 8/8/17 – 6/8/18)

Applications are processed on a first-come, first-served basis, with priority given to those with payment. Full payment must be included with your registration form, no later than 2 weeks in advance for Self-Guided Tours and 3 weeks in advance for Classroom Programs.

Contact (if different than teacher): ____________________________________ Teacher: ____________________________________
School: ________________________________________________________ District: _____________________________
Phone: __________________ Fax: __________________ Email: __________________
School Mailing Address: __________________ City: __________ State: __________ Zip: __________
Grade: _________ # Students (Min. 10, Max. based on program) _________ ÷ 5 = _________ # Free Chaperones (1:5 ratio required, include teachers in this number!)

Please list Alternate dates and times if 1st choice is not available
2nd Choice______________________________ 3rd Choice____________________________________

Please be aware that filling out this form does not guarantee that your reservation is complete. You will receive confirmation after your application has been processed and payment has been received. Please wait for the confirmation email before finalizing your plans.

Check this box if you would like more information about Boxed Lunches offered by The Aquarium Restaurant. An order form will be included with your confirmation letter. Lunch includes: a sandwich, chips, cookie and a beverage. Box lunch orders must be received by us at least 2 weeks before your trip.

Required Payment *
Please include a check, money order or sign the credit card line below for payment. Your payment becomes non-refundable 2 weeks prior to your visit.

Make checks and money orders payable to: Downtown Aquarium

Self-guided tours: $6 x ____total # of students = $________________
Classroom programs: $9 x ____total # of students = $________________ (price includes a self-guided tour)
Additional Adults **: $14.95 x ____total # of adults = $________________ (only the teacher & 5 other adults are allowed in the classroom)
4D Theater tickets: $ 3.00 x _____total # of people = $______________ (please include teachers/chaperones in this count)

Total enclosed = $________________

Check #________

Credit Card Payment – Please print name on card and sign below to authorize credit card payment– once we receive the completed form we will call you to get card information over the phone. Please do not email payment card information.

Name on Card: ___________________________ Signature: ___________________________

* At check-in, an actual count is recorded. If less than the reserved number of students come, a refund will be issued after your visit. If your total number of students is less than 10, you will still be charged for 10 students. If more students come, the school will be billed for the remaining balance.

** The school may purchase additional adult tickets in advance at the discounted rate of $14.95. If you choose not to purchase their entry in advance, they may buy their own tickets from the Box Office on the visit day at the regular admission rate.
CALL 303-561-4444
ASK FOR SUSIE SHARK TO MAKE RESERVATIONS TODAY.