



Home School Day – Spring 2019

You are invited to join us on **Tuesday, February 26th** for a day filled with fun and learning! We offer two great ways to experience Home School Day at the Downtown Aquarium:

Home School Day Adventure Passes

Enjoy Home School Day with our discounted All Day Adventure Pass at only \$10 per adult/child (children under 2 years old are free). This wristband will give you unlimited access to the Aquarium Adventure Exhibit, Stingray Reef, and the rides (weather permitting). We will also have interactive activity stations, live animal encounters, tank feedings, self-guided exhibit tour information, and more! Pre-registration is required; discount will not be available at the ticket booth on the day of. Your reserved tickets will be available for pick up between 10:00am and 3:00pm.

OR

Educational Program Sessions

Want to add to your child’s learning experience? Then sign them up for our educational program sessions! Sessions are divided between three age groups and may include hands-on activities, crafts, games, live animal encounters, and scientific experiments. Pre-registration is required; space is limited; \$20+tax per child; includes an All Day Adventure Pass. Discounted Home School Day Adventure Passes (above) are still available for parents, younger siblings, and other family members. This year’s tentative program itinerary is:

February 26, 2019			
Homeschool Day Itinerary			
	Ages 6-8	Ages 9-12	Ages 13-17
10:00 AM	Check-In 10:00am - 10:45am		
10:15 AM			
10:30 AM			
10:45 AM	10:45 AM Welcome and Introductions (3rd Floor Nautilus Ballroom)		
11:00 AM	"The Web of Life"	Behind-the-Scenes Tour	Scientific Method
11:15 AM			"Bridges for Wildlife"
11:30 AM	"Spectacular Story Time" *with live Animal Encounter	"Squidy Anatomy"	Activity: Bridge Construction
11:45 AM			
12:00 PM	Break 12:00pm - 1:45pm		
12:15 PM	*12:15pm Pre-Ordered Picnic Lunches at Reef Refreshments Food Kiosk (located outside next to the Dancing Fountains)		
12:30 PM	*Use your All Day Adventure Passes to ride the rides (weather permitting), see the Exhibits, and touch the stingrays in Stingray Reef.		
12:45 PM	*All Homeschool Day families will receive 15% off in the Treasure Chest Gift Shop! Coupon required.		
1:00 PM	1:45 PM Return to Classrooms (3rd Floor Nautilus Ballroom)		
1:15 PM			
1:30 PM			
1:45 PM			
2:00 PM	Tiger Adaptations and Craft	"Radical Reptiles"	Behind-the-Scenes Birds Tour
2:15 PM			
2:30 PM	Game: Vanishing Tigers	Activity: Dichotomous Keys	Will It Hold? Bridge Testing Competition
2:45 PM			
3:00 PM	End of Home School Day		
3:15 PM	Aquarium Closes at 8:30pm		



Registration Form
 Home School Day
 Tuesday, February 26, 2019

Mail: 410 Bagby Street, Houston, TX 77002 • Phone: 713-315-5112 • Fax: 713-623-9716 • Email: AquariumHouston@Ldry.com

***We recommend reading our Frequently Asked Questions before completing forms!**

Today's Date: _____

Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Email Address: _____

If you are interested in purchasing **ONLY** the discounted All Day Adventure Passes for you and your students,
 please skip the rest of this page and continue to the **Payment Information Forms**.
 Do not complete the roster below!

If you are enrolling students in the educational program sessions, please complete the roster below.

Educational Program Session Registration	
Name of Student	Age
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**If you require more roster space, please submit a second form with the same contact information.*



Home School Day Payment Information Form

Full payment is due by Friday, February 22, 2019
at 4:00pm in order to guarantee your reservation.

Contact Name: _____

Phone #: _____ Email: _____

Use the price chart below to determine your total payment due for Homeschool Day.

Homeschool Day Options	Selection Price <i>(Tax Included)</i>	Quantity	Subtotal
Educational Program Session (Ages 6-17 only; <u>includes</u> All Day Pass)	\$21.65 Per Child		
Home School Day Adventure Pass	\$10.83 Per Ticket		
Total Amount Due =			

For our records, please indicate your payment method: *(check one)*

Credit Card – If you are paying by credit card, you can now make payments over the phone by calling one of our Education Sales Coordinators at (713) 315-5112 or (713) 315-5159. *(Please do NOT write your credit card information anywhere on these forms.)*

Check – Please make checks payable to “Downtown Aquarium” and mail to: Attn: Education Sales
410 Bagby Street
Houston, Texas 77002

Please Note:

- **Tickets are non-refundable, non-exchangeable, and no rain checks will be issued.**
- All Day Adventure Passes are good for the event date only.
- Parking is \$8 (cash only) and is not included in the price of the ticket.
- Valet will be available starting at 11:00am for \$10.00 (cash only) and is not included in the price of the ticket.

Thank you for choosing the Downtown Aquarium!



Home School Day Frequently Asked Questions

What time is the Downtown Aquarium open? *On Home School Day, we will be open from 10:00am – 8:30pm.*

When do we check in? *Please plan on arriving during the designated check-in time indicated on the itinerary. Reserved Home School Day Adventure Passes will be available for pick up between 10:00am and 3:00pm.*

Where do we check in? *All Home School Day guests will check in with the Education Department who will be set up under a blue Downtown Aquarium tent. Tickets, Aquarium information, activities, schedules, and more will be available and this tent will be staffed from 10:00am-3:00pm for your convenience.*

How do I enroll my student(s) in the educational classes? *Please submit your completed Homeschool Day registration form by fax (713) 623-9716, email (AquariumHouston@Ldry.com), or mail (410 Bagby Street, Houston, Texas 77002 Attn: Education Sales).*

Is my registration guaranteed? *Your registration is not guaranteed until you receive an email confirmation from the Education Sales Department. If you do not receive a confirmation within three days after submitting your form(s), please email us at AquariumHouston@Ldry.com.*

Is Aquarium admission included in the cost of the educational class? *Yes. Students enrolled in the educational classes will receive an All Day Adventure Pass. Non-enrolled children and adults can purchase a discounted All Day Adventure Pass for \$10 (regularly \$20.99).*

Do I have to enroll my student(s) in the educational classes? *No. Families that do not wish to participate in the educational classes are still able to purchase discounted All Day Adventure Passes for \$10 (regularly \$20.99!). This will include all day admission to the Aquarium Adventure Exhibit, Stingray Reef, and the rides (weather permitting). Our Education Department will also have self-guided activities available at check-in to enhance your visit.*

What do students do in the educational classes? *The classes may include science activities, conservation information, crafts, games, exhibit tours, live animal encounters and more!*

How old does my child have to be to attend an educational class? *Your child must be between the ages 6-17 to attend an educational class. These classes are divided based on the children's age, not grade.*

Can I enroll my child in a class intended for a different age group? *No. All classes are designed for specific age groups using age-appropriate activities. Your child must meet the minimum age requirement for the class. Please do not register your child for a class for older children as it limits space for children that do fall into that age group.*

Do parents have to accompany their children in the educational classes? *No, and adults are actually encouraged to allow students to complete the classes on their own. Any additional participants, including parents and younger siblings, can cause distractions and ultimately take away from the experience. While students are in class, we recommend using your All Day Adventure Passes to enjoy the exhibits, touch stingrays, ride the rides, and participate in our daily public events such as the live animal encounters, dive shows, and tiger chats.*

Who teaches the education classes? *Classes are taught by our most experienced Educators. They have extensive knowledge in science, conservation, and animals – most with four year degrees in related fields. They are also experienced in teaching children and following safety protocols.*

Do the classes include live animals? *Many of the classes do include live animal appearances by our Animal Ambassadors. Please note: Guests will not be permitted to touch the animals.*

What are the benefits of attending a Homeschool Class at the Downtown Aquarium? *These programs are specifically designed to meet the needs of the homeschool community. Besides learning important life science concepts, participants have the opportunity to interact with other homeschool students in their community.*

What can non-enrolled children/siblings and additional adults do during class time? *Enjoy the Aquarium Adventures Exhibit, Stingray Reef, Shark Voyage Train ride and the other rides outside with a purchase of the discounted All Day Adventure Pass. Children must be supervised at all times.*

Can we be refunded if it rains? *Our indoor exhibits will not be affected by rain. However, the rides are subject to closure due to inclement weather, including high winds and lightning, for your safety. Refunds and rain checks will not be issued due to inclement weather as it is out of our control.*

Where do we eat lunch? *We have plenty of shaded picnic tables located throughout the Aquarium property for you to enjoy a packed lunch. Other lunch options include the Aquarium Restaurant, which is located inside on the 2nd floor. We recommend making a reservation online or by phone at (713) 223-3474. Our concession stands are conveniently located outside in the amusement area and serve foods such as hotdogs, pretzels, nachos, and beverages. Light snacks and water will be provided during the educational classes.*

How much does parking cost? *Self-parking in our main lot is \$8.00 (cash only) per vehicle. Valet will be available starting at 11:00am for \$10.00 (cash only) per vehicle. Prices are subject to change. For current parking prices, please visit: <http://www.aquariumrestaurants.com/downtownaquariumhouston/know-before-you-go.asp>*