Educational Programs

2018-19       Pre-School through College

Traveling Teacher at your school

Study cruises onto Long Island Sound

Professional development workshops

Beach field programs
The Maritime Aquarium offers exciting science-education experiences ... in the Aquarium, in the field, aboard our unique hybrid-electric research vessel and at your school. The inspiration for this learning is Long Island Sound, familiar to students for its proximity but a fascinating unexplored world below the surface.

In the pages of this book ...

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Check out a variety of professional development workshops that will help you achieve your goals! We will demonstrate hands-on ways that the Aquarium and Long Island Sound can be used to teach grade-appropriate, standards-based science. We’ll customize to what you need, with flexible pricing.

Also note several specialized workshops during the school year, as well as our annual free open house for teachers on Oct. 24!

9-19
Learn how our programs use the motivating power of live animals and varied marine habitats to make science a positive adventure for your students as they’re introduced to scientific concepts, processes and the importance of science in our everyday lives.

Our programs also instill a sense of stewardship in students that is critical to citizenship and quality of life.

Additionally, our programs help you achieve academic goals defined by the Next Generation Science and Common Core standards.

21-24
Turn here to find which spectacular IMAX® movies will be playing during the school year on our six-story screen, the largest IMAX screen in Connecticut. Each has an online educational guide created by the film’s producers.

Most importantly (as explained on the opposite page), this year is the final chance to have your students experience one of these cinematic learning adventures!

The Aquarium

Our nationally recognized aquarium lets students get close to sharks, seals, jellies, river otters, sea turtles and other species native to Long Island Sound and its watershed. An Estuary of National Significance, the Sound is surrounded by one of the most densely populated metropolitan areas in the world – a population largely unaware of the very physical stresses that it causes on the Sound.

Some 3,000 animals of 300 species are displayed. Close encounters with the Aquarium’s animals – plus tactile interactions at the Intertidal Touch Tank, Shark & Ray Touch Pool and “Jiggle A Jelly” jellyfish touch exhibit – create impassioned connections and can launch explorations of adaptations, habitats, interdependencies, conservation and other concepts.

The Aquarium is an accredited member of the Association of Zoos & Aquariums. TripAdvisor users have rated the Aquarium in the Top 25 in the U.S. and No. 1 in New England. Yankee Magazine recently named us “Best Family Attraction” in New England.

Some Things Will Be New and Different This Year

During the 2018-19 school year, The Maritime Aquarium will be building a big new harbor seal exhibit and an amazing new 4-D Movie Theater. You’ll still be able to see the seals in a temporary location, but their daily training demonstrations will be suspended.

These changes are part of our response to a federal railroad project requiring the loss of our IMAX Theater in mid-2019. So be sure to include an IMAX movie this year ... one last time! ... and get psyched to experience 4-D movies in 2019-20!

“Just Add Water” Exhibit

This permanent new second-floor exhibit features 23 species of animals, including 21 that have never been displayed at The Maritime Aquarium. See tamarins (a type of monkey), quail, a skunk, porcupine, screech owl, caimans, macaws and more. The exhibit explains how the oceans help to create and shape the world’s varied habitats – from arid desert to tropical rain forest. Use “Just Add Water” to support lessons about habitats, adaptations, climate and more.
Teachers, The Maritime Aquarium’s Education Department provides a variety of workshops to help you achieve your goals! In all programs for teachers, we demonstrate ways that Long Island Sound, the Aquarium and marine life can be used to teach standards-based science. We model activities that can be done in the classroom, as well as during field trips to the Aquarium and at other relevant sites, such as local beaches and salt marshes.

To register for workshops on this page and for details about other sessions, go to: www.maritimeaquarium.org/educator-workshops

Upcoming workshop topics include:

**Why NGSS?**
Offered in Conjunction with the Connecticut Science Center
Tues., Nov. 13 & Wed., Nov. 14

Through immersive experiences and group discussions centered around the Next Generation Science Standards, this two-day workshop at The Maritime Aquarium is designed to introduce teachers unfamiliar with the NGSS to three-dimensional learning and what it can look like in their classrooms.

Participants will begin to appreciate what it will take to understand the NGSS deeply and move the vision into practice. They will see the value in the vision and learn about steps that can be taken to continue their learning.

Why NGSS?

Climate science and how our communities can better prepare for environmental threats related to a changing climate are the focus of this new collaboration between The Maritime Aquarium and the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Includes excellent topics for implementing the Next Generation Science Standards in middle and high school.

One-day ‘Sound Resilience’ teacher workshops will introduce many valuable classroom resources and demonstrate how this new program will benefit your students. See page 14 for more details about the program.

Sound Resilience – Get on Board!
Free to all middle- and high-school teachers.
Teachers from schools in these communities receive a $100 stipend for attending: Greenwich, Stamford, Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk, Westport, Wilton, Weston, Fairfield, Bridgeport and Stratford

We welcome the opportunity to work with you to plan the right program for you and your colleagues. To discuss options, contact us at (203) 852-0700, ext. 2244, or education@maritimeaquarium.org.

Other Teacher Opportunities

Fish School is a FREE preview event for educators! Come learn how to incorporate our programs, exhibits and IMAX® movies into your teaching. Join Aquarium educators for a behind-the-scenes tour, see demonstrations of programs for all grades, and talk to our staff about the unique, hands-on student experiences and professional-development opportunities we can provide. Plus, step aboard our hybrid-electric research vessel to learn what your students can experience out on Long Island Sound.

Teachers, administrators and other educators are welcome. As this is a professional event, no children or spouses please. (Weather date is Wed., Nov. 7.) Admission, light dinner and parking are free! Space is limited and reservations are required, so call the number at the bottom of this page to reserve your place.

FREE previews

Before you bring your class ...
... screen an IMAX movie!
With advance reservations, teachers can preview our standard IMAX movies at any public screening for free. See our website for what’s playing on the day you want to visit. Get details about movies on pages 21-24.

... come out on a Study Cruise!
For Teachers & Administrators in CT, NY and NJ
If you have not experienced a Marine Life Encounter Cruise, we want you aboard! From May through Labor Day, you can join us on any regularly scheduled public Marine Life Encounter Cruise aboard our unique hybrid-electric research vessel at no charge. See pages 17 & 18 for cruise details.

For both the free movies and cruises, advance reservations are required. These offers are for qualified licensed educators currently teaching in CT, NY or NJ, with proper school ID only. Accompanying friends and family members of educators must purchase tickets.

Bring your students gives them the chance to come back
Bring Me Back coupons
Every child who visits The Maritime Aquarium with their school or camp will receive a coupon for free return admission with a paying adult! These “Bring Me Back” coupons give children the opportunity to return to the Aquarium at a later date and show their parents what they learned and perhaps spend more time at exhibits that especially interest them.

School Loyalty Reward
We love it when you come back, and here’s a bonus reward for returning! Every “third time” a group from your school visits, we’ll knock $1 off each child admission to the Aquarium and/or IMAX Theater. This discount will be awarded by school, not by grade, program or teacher, and there’s no expiration. If your group is your school’s third visit (or sixth or ninth or 12th ...), your group gets the discount. It may be in the current school year; it may not be until the 2019-20 school year. (But we hope to see you before then!) Norwalk Public Schools’ teachers: remember that your class always gets free Aquarium admission!

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Plan Your Visit

The Basics

- Educational programs are offered starting at 9 a.m. General admission to the Aquarium starts at 10 a.m.
- Up to 30 students per program. Groups choosing to split classes into smaller program groups should do so before arrival.
- One adult chaperone is required for every seven students in your group. Chaperones must be at least 18 years old and must remain with students at all times, including during programs. Chaperones are admitted free to the Aquarium and programs, and pay just $7.50 for an IMAX movie. Additional chaperones above the 7:1 ratio can accompany students to programs. Students with special needs are permitted extra chaperones (up to 30 students per program). Groups choosing to receive 10% discounts on resource materials. The discount is not transferable for student purchases.
- One adult chaperone or if you intend to purchase lunches in our cafe.
- The Basics (opposite page) apply.

To Make a Reservation

- All educational programs must be reserved and prepaid at least four weeks in advance. A non-refundable 25% deposit is due for IMAX movies. You'll find a Group Reservation form – and a Financial Aid form – on our website. Please designate one group leader as our contact person. This person must make the reservation.

Timing / Parking

- You may: a) Bring your own lunches and eat outside on our riverfront cafe; b) Purchase lunches in our 160-seat Cascade Cafe. Notice is required at time of reservation. Groups cannot eat in the Cafe without advance notice.
- Final attendance numbers must be called in to our Reservations Department (see number at bottom of page) at least 72 hours prior to trip. All unused wristbands must be returned at check-in or otherwise will be charged. After a group leader has finalized the contract, there can be no further changes.
- Box lunches (if desired) must be ordered and paid in advance. See “Lunch Options.”

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Lunch Options

- Lunch is not included with your visit. You may:
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- Payment or purchase order for educational programs is due at time of reservation.
- Payment for Aquarium admission and your IMAX balance is due upon arrival. Trips taking place on weekends must be paid in full at time of reservation.
- Maritime Aquarium memberships cannot be used for any students or adults attending as part of your group.
- Payment options: check, purchase order, credit card (Visa, MasterCard, American Express) or cash.
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Traveling Teacher

- Have Aquarium Educators Come to You!

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What to bring when you come?

An issue on the day of your visit? Turn the page to learn what to do.
Plan Your Visit (continued)

What to Bring
Soon after making your reservation, you’ll receive a confirmation packet containing your contact, entrance procedures, and your admission wristbands. Admission wristbands must be worn by everyone in your group during your visit. A $25 replacement fee will be charged for any lost or forgotten wristbands.

If you have not received your confirmation packet within two weeks of your reservation, please call (203) 852-0700, ext. 2206.

Weather Issues
With a delayed opening at your school or the Aquarium, all programs before noon – those at the Aquarium or at your school – will be canceled and rescheduled. If your school is closed or has a delayed opening because of inclement weather, please call us as soon as possible (at any hour) and leave a message:
• before 9:30 a.m., call (203) 852-0700, ext. 2270.
• between 9:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m., call (203) 852-0700, ext. 2206, or email reservations@maritimeaquarium.org.

Need to Reschedule?
We require 72-hours notice to reschedule a visit that does not include a program, and four-weeks notice for a reservation that includes a program. There is no charge for the first reschedule, and $25 for each additional.

Late Arrivals & Cancellations
Late arrival may require shortening or cancellation of programs. If rescheduling is not possible, full refunds will be issued for programs missed due to school or Aquarium closure. Under all other circumstances, these conditions apply:
• Refunds for educational programs require notice of cancellation at least four weeks prior to the program.
• Refunds for IMAX tickets (minus the 25% non-refundable deposit) require notice of cancellation 48 hours prior to the scheduled show.
• All wristbands must be returned or you will be charged. No refunds are issued for late arrival or no-shows.

Arrival Time-Savers
• Hand out wristbands and have everyone in your group put them on before arrival.
• Have a final head count of children and adults ready, and turn in extra wristbands for refund.
• Have lunches in a large box or bag so they may be stored quickly.
• Leave backpacks at school or on the bus.

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Programs

All Maritime Aquarium programs are designed to support Next Generation Science (NGSS) and Common Core State (CCSS) standards. In this book, the NGSS met by each program are listed with each program description. For the full list, visit “Education Standards” on our website, under “Experience,” then “Teachers and Groups.” Our programs...

Response: 

New! Tide Pool Tots 18 mos - 3 yrs
We can learn a lot about the big world from just a tiny tide pool. Through active reading, puppet play and hands-on sensory experiences, toddlers observe living creatures found on our local shoreline and learn how our senses can help us to understand our natural environment. Max of 20 students per presentation. 20 minutes, but minimum of two programs must be booked. In-House: $135 for first two; $110 for each additional two. Traveling Teacher: $170 for first two; $120 for each additional two. Additional travel fees may apply.

New! Fish Tales PK - K Learning comes to life through stories, songs, lots of movement, and even the occasional live-animal friend. As a Traveling Teacher program, “Fish Tales” is ideal for school settings as well as at community centers, libraries or anywhere that grown-ups and kids can play. Can be booked as a single program or a series, including an After-School Series (see page 19). 45 minutes. In-House: $120 for first or simultaneous; $110 for second & additional sequential. Traveling Teacher: $170 for first or simultaneous; $120 for second & additional sequential. Add’l travel fees may apply.

“House for Hermit Crab” PK - K Hermit crab is outgrowing his shell and it’s time for a new home. Using Eric Carle’s classic story as motivation, students consider the differences between living and non-living things. Students meet and touch live crabs and mollusks, sorting and classifying them by size, shape and other attributes that promote early science skills. 45 minutes. In-House: $120 for first or simultaneous; $110 for second & additional sequential. Traveling Teacher: $170 for first or simultaneous; $120 for second & additional sequential. Add’l travel fees may apply. NGSS – K: LS1-1, ESS2-2

Meet the Animals PK - K Nothing sparks an interest in nature and science like an up-close meeting with live animals. An aquarium educator will introduce students to live crabs, snails and sea stars. Children will count their legs, describe their body shapes and explain how they feel. Finally, they’ll collect their ideas and observations on an “I Notice, I Wonder” chart. 45 minutes. In-House: $120 for first or simultaneous; $110 for second & additional sequential. Traveling Teacher: $170 for first or simultaneous; $120 for second & additional sequential. Add’l travel fees may apply. NGSS – K: LS1-1

Similarities & Differences K-1 How are members of the same group of animals similar and different from each other? Learning to classify living things is an important early-elementary science skill. Young students engage in up-close examinations of crabs, fish, turtles and mollusks. They use their senses of sight and touch to describe similarities and differences in shape, texture, color and more. There’s nothing like live animals to spark inquiry in young scientists! 60 minutes. In-House only: $135 for first or simultaneous; $120 for second & additional sequential.

NGSS – 1: LS1-1

Life Cycles 1-2 Every animal changes during the course of its life, but some more than others. Students make discoveries about life cycles by examining live animals and the shells, cocoons and other artifacts they leave behind as they grow. In this hands-on experience, students are introduced to different types of animals and classify and sequence their life-cycle patterns. They also learn key words related to life-cycles, including egg, larva, adult and metamorphosis. 45 minutes. In-House: $120 for first or simultaneous; $110 for second & additional sequential. Traveling Teacher: $170 for first or simultaneous; $120 for second & additional sequential. Additional travel fees may apply.

NGSS – 1: LS3-1 2: LS4-1

GALLERY EXPLORATIONS:

- Scales, Shells & Skin: Body Coverings & Protection
- Slithering & Swimming: Movement Strategies

FIELD PROGRAM: Shoreline Investigators PK - 2 The seashore provides young scientists with sensory opportunities for investigation and discovery. Students use their eyes, ears, hands and noses to gather information about animals and plants found in a variety of habitats within the intertidal zone. They explore how these living things satisfy their needs and rely on each other in order to survive as part of the dynamic ecosystem found at the beach. 90 minutes. $225 for the first group, $200 for the second. Groups of up to 40 will book one program. Groups of 41 to 60 will book two programs. No more than 60 students per day at the beach. We have beach locations in Norwalk, Bridgeport and Stamford. Extra travel, parking and layover fees may apply. School must supply beach-entry pass, if necessary. NGSS – K: LS1-1, ESS2-1, ESS3-1 1: LS1-1 2: LS4-1, ESS2-2

Programs questions? education@maritimeaquarium.org

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Elementary

Structures & Functions
1 - 2
There’s no better way for students to learn about the relationship between structure and function through close-up observations of live animals. Students examine such animals as crabs, sea stars, snails and turtles in considering how every animal’s body is adapted to the things it needs to accomplish in order to survive. (NOTE: horseshoe crabs replace turtles in the Travel presentation.) This program teaches students to look at even unfamiliar animals and draw well-reasoned conclusions about their lifestyles. 45 minutes.
In-House: $130 for first or simultaneous; $120 for second & additional sequential.
Traveling Teacher: $180 for first or simultaneous; $130 for second & additional sequential. Additional travel fees may apply.
NGSS – 1: ETS1-2, LS1-1
NGSS – 2: ETS1-2, LS4-1

Aquatic Plants & Seaweeds
Offered only April-June
2 - 3
Aquatic plants and seaweeds provide a fantastic opportunity for comparison of each other and to the plants that live in terrestrial environments. Students will observe, feel and draw samples of a variety of these organisms, focusing on the structures they share and those that differ depending on the challenges of life on land and in the water. Finally, students will have the opportunity to learn about human uses for aquatic plants and seaweeds and to examine a variety of products made from them. 45 minutes.
In-House only: $120 for first or simultaneous; $110 for second & additional sequential.
NGSS – 2: LS1-1, LS4-1

Shark Safari!
1 - 2
Touching a live shark is a memorable experience. But that’s just one element of this exciting program. Students start off examining shark teeth and jaws, feel the sandpaper texture of shark skin, and learn how superb adaptations have allowed sharks to survive for millions of years. Then, your safari guide will lead students to the Aquarium’s Ocean Beyond the Sound exhibit for a close look at the 7-foot sand tiger sharks. The final stop is our Shark and Ray Touch Pool to safely touch small sharks and a variety of rays (cousins of sharks). One hour.
In-House only: $145 for first or simultaneous; $130 for second & additional sequential.
NGSS – 2: ETS1-2, LS4-1
NGSS – 3: LS4-3

Life Between the Tides
3 - 4
Imagine living in a place that floods every day! That’s the challenge faced by the amazing and resilient animals of Long Island Sound’s intertidal zone. Students read tide charts and learn how the moon influences the rise and fall of the tides. They meet and touch different kinds of crabs, mollusks and gastropods, use an age-appropriate field guide to identify them, and employ their observation skills to explain how these animals are adapted to the daily and seasonal changes in their environment. One hour.
In-House: $135 for first or simultaneous; $120 for second & additional sequential.
Traveling Teacher: $185 for first or simultaneous; $135 for second & additional sequential. Additional travel fees may apply.
NGSS – 3: LS4-3
NGSS – 4: ES2-1, ES3-2

Squid Adaptations
3 - 4
Among the most amazing and alien life forms on Earth, squid are endlessly fascinating. Students examine real squid specimens to locate and identify the body structures the creatures use for feeding, moving and protecting themselves. They use tweezers and hand lenses to find a squid’s ink sac, siphon, arms and tentacles, and also compare a squid’s adaptations to those of fish and jellies. One hour.
In-House: $135 for first or simultaneous; $120 for second & additional sequential.
Traveling Teacher: $185 for first or simultaneous; $135 for second & additional sequential. Additional travel fees may apply.
NGSS – 3: LS4-3
NGSS – 4: LS1-1

Stream Table Investigation
4
Geologist Charles Lyell is credited with the insight that Earth’s history. Using the Aquarium’s stream-table models, students conduct an inquiry to discover how erosion and deposition play in creating rivers and landforms. Students create their own model to learn how natural and fabricated objects can affect these processes. 90 minutes.
In-House: $200 for first or simultaneous; $185 for second & additional sequential.
Traveling Teacher: $265 for first or simultaneous; $200 for second & additional sequential. Additional travel fees may apply.
NGSS – 3: LS4-3
NGSS – 4: ES2-1, ES3-2

Marine World Magnified
4 - 5
As amazing as the marine world is to the naked eye, there are incredible plants and animals that can only be seen with special tools. Students use microscopes and hand lenses to observe different kinds of plankton and invertebrates, which may include barnacles, sea squirts, jellyfish larva, tunicates, brine shrimp and more. Then, they use math and language strategies to describe the scope of what they’ve seen. One hour.
In-House only: $145 for first or simultaneous; $130 for second & additional sequential.
Traveling Teacher: $185 for first or simultaneous; $135 for second & additional sequential. Additional travel fees may apply.
NGSS – 3: ETS1-2

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Field Program:
Shoreline Scientists
3 - 5
What better place for a first experience of field science than at a local beach? Students rotate through stations in different habitats of the intertidal zone, using scientific tools to identify organisms and make observations. They explore food webs, structures and adaptations that animals and plants use for survival, and how humans are impacting the shoreline. 2 hours.
Includes a 45-minute pre-visit lesson at your school where we will introduce students to the activities and equipment they will be using. The pre-visit will ensure your students get the most of the shoreline experience. Price includes field and pre-visit lesson. Additional travel fees for pre-visit lesson may apply.
Cost $325 for first group, $275 for second group. Groups of up to 40 will book one program. Groups of 41 to 60 will book two programs. No more than 60 students per day at the beach.
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NGSS – 3: LS4-3
NGSS – 4: LS1-1, ES2-1
NGSS – 5: LS2-1, ES2-1

GALLERY EXPLORATIONS:
• Hide, Seek, Chomp: Adaptations of Marine Animals
• Behind-the-Scenes: Species in Our Own Backyard
3 - 5
In the company of an Aquarium educator, your students will see The Maritime Aquarium as never before. These themed, guided tours use the motivating power of the Aquarium’s animals, along with observational strategies for young students, to bring grade-appropriate life science topics alive. Choose one focus for your exploration. One hour each. Please note: from April through June, Gallery Explorations are offered only before 10 a.m. and after 1 p.m.
In-House only: $120 for first or simultaneous; $110 for second & additional sequential.

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Reservations: (203) 852-0700, ext. 2206
Elementary / Middle School

Brine Shrimp Inquiry 5

Through a guided inquiry experiment, students take on the role of behavioral scientists as they investigate how brine shrimp respond to stimuli. Creating hypotheses, recording observations and deciding how to control variables, students engage in an experiment that emulate the scientific process. Afterward, students draw their own conclusions and present their results. One hour.

In-House: $145 for first or simultaneous; $130 for second & additional sequential.
Traveling Teacher: $185 for first or simultaneous; $135 for second & additional sequential. Add’l travel fees may apply.

NGSS – 5: LS2-2, LS2-3, LS2-4

Water Pollution 5-7

Long Island Sound and its watershed provide a perfect opportunity to explore human impacts on aquatic ecosystems. Students share their knowledge about sources of pollution and then “pollute” a watershed model to demonstrate how pollutants travel and where they end up. They also discuss strategies for cleaning up the pollution that makes its way to the Sound, and identify ways everyone can contribute to that effort! 45 minutes.

In-House: $130 for first or simultaneous; $120 for second & additional sequential.
Traveling Teacher: $180 for first or simultaneous; $130 for second & additional sequential. Additional travel fees may apply.

NGSS – 5: ESS2-1, ESS3-1 & 7: ESS3-3

GALLERY EXPLORATION:

• Sound Ecosystems: Species & Food Chains of Long Island Sound

6-8

Led by an Aquarium educator, your students see The Maritime Aquarium as never before. This themed, guided tour uses the motivating power of the Aquarium’s animals, along with observational strategies for middle-school students, to bring grade-appropriate life science topics alive. One hour. Note: from April through June, Gallery Explorations are offered only before 10 a.m. and after 1 p.m.

In-House only: $120 for first or simultaneous; $110 for second & additional sequential.

NGSS – 6-8: LS2-3, LS2-4

Exploring Systems 6-8

What are the essential parts of the circulatory, respiratory and digestive systems? How do they work together to accomplish the body’s essential functions? In these comparative-anatomy programs, students are guided in a focused fish dissection. They think not only about how these systems operate in fish, but compare them to their analogous systems in humans. Take each program separately, or combine them for a 90-minute lab. Fee charged for extra specimens.

• Respiratory & Circulatory Systems – 1 hour

In-House: $145 for first or simultaneous; $130 for second & additional sequential
Travel: $185 for first or simultaneous; $135 for second & additional sequential.

• Digestive System – 45 minutes

In-House: $145 for first or simultaneous; $130 for second & additional sequential
Travel: $185 for first or simultaneous; $135 for second & additional sequential.

• Respiratory, Circulatory, Digestive Systems – 90 minutes

In-House: $225 for first or simultaneous; $200 for second & additional sequential
Travel: $265 for first or simultaneous; $200 for second & additional sequential.

NGSS – 6-8: LS1-3

FIELD PROGRAM:

Shoreline Ecologists 6-8

Equipped with the tools of an ecologist, students explore a coastal ecosystem of Long Island Sound. They conduct their own fieldwork, collect fish, jellyfish, shrimp and algae with seine nets, and logging data on air and water temperature, salinity, pH and dissolved oxygen using scientific equipment. This hands-on experience allows students to be scientists as they investigate the interconnections of organisms and the needling parts of an ecosystem. 2 hours.

Includes a 45-minute pre-visit session at your school to introduce students to the activities and equipment they will be using. The pre-visit ensures your students get the most out of their shoreline experience. Price includes field and pre-visit sessions.

Cost $325 for first class, $275 for second class. Groups of up to 40 will book one program. Groups of 41 to 60 will book two programs. No more than 60 students per day at the beach.

We have beach locations in Norwalk, Bridgport and Stamford. Extra travel, parking and layover fees may apply. School must supply beach permit, if necessary.

NGSS – LS2-2, LS2-3, LS2-4

The Science of Diving 9-12

Survival underwater poses a myriad of physical, biological and chemical challenges. In a program that bridges the sciences, students examine how marine animals are adapted to overcome these challenges, and the ingenious technologies humans have developed to do so. Experiments focusing on pressure and how light and sound travel through water provide hands-on engagement with some of the key issues involved in underwater survival. Students also meet a member of the Aquarium’s dive team to learn what’s involved in learning to dive, and what it’s like to be submerged with the large sharks in our “Ocean Beyond the Sound” exhibit. 75 minutes.

In-House only: $150 for first or simultaneous; $140 for second & additional sequential.

NGSS – PS4-1, LS4-2

Sound Resilience – Get On Board!

6-12

Hurricanes and nor’easters, sea level rise and coastal erosion! This timely new program provides the opportunity for middle- and high-school students to dive into these local environmental threats through a unique and comprehensive hands-on experience. With its development funded through a three-year grant from the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), this program consists of three sessions: two in your classroom and one on Long Island Sound aboard the Aquarium’s hybrid-electric research vessel. Onboard the boat, students will collect environmental data and biological samples, and evaluate the resilience of their home coastline.

An exploration of urgent real-world issues linking science and citizenship. “Sound Resilience – Get On Board!” provides an unprecedented opportunity for students to learn how the work of scientists is relevant to students’ everyday lives and the futures of their communities.

Sessions 1 and 3: 1 hour each in your classroom
Session 2: 2-hour cruise on the Aquarium’s research vessel

Cost for schools in communities other than the 11 above: $1,100 for three sessions. Please contact us about possible financial assistance.

For more details about “Sound Resilience: Get On Board!” and how to apply, email abunge@maritimeaquarium.org or call (203) 852-0700, ext. 2208.

Middle / High School

Sound Sentinels 9-12

How do scientists measure climate change, and what tells them if it’s having an impact on habitats and species? It’s all about sentinels. In this program, students learn about the biotic and abiotic sentinels that scientists use to understand the effects of a changing climate on Long Island Sound. After collecting and analyzing water-quality data and up-close examination of live animal sentinels, the program culminates with an immersive role-playing activity. Students adopt the perspectives of a variety of community members as they debate issues related to the health and management of the sound. 90 minutes.

In-House only: $175 for first or simultaneous; $160 for second & additional sequential.

NGSS – LS2-1, LS4-5, ESS3-3

FREE Sound Resilience teacher workshops! – see page 3

Sound Resilience – Get On Board!

Through Spring 2019, FREE to schools in these communities: Greenwich, Stamford, Darien, New Canaan, Norwalk, Westport, Wilton, Weston, Fairfield, Bridgeport and Stratford

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Program questions? education@maritimeaquarium.org

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High School

BEHIND-THE-SCENES EXPLORATION: Aquarium Careers Tour
9 - 12
Explore off-exhibit areas as you learn about the many careers that are involved in making The Maritime Aquarium a great place for visitors as well as for the animals that live here. View the "Ocean Beyond the Sound" exhibit – with its 7-foot sharks – from above and visit our "Fish Kitchen" to learn how our aquarists meet the nutritional needs of more than 1,000 animals every day. Students not only learn about the behind-the-scenes operations of the Aquarium, but what they need to do to work with animals in a similar setting some day. One hour. Please note: from April through June, this program is offered only before 10 a.m. and after 1 p.m.
In-House only: $120 for first or simultaneous; $110 for second & additional sequential.

Animal Behavior Lab
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$350. Must be booked at least 4 weeks in advanced. Limited to two bookings per month. Simultaneous and sequential programs not available on the same day.

See page 14 for more programs for high-school students. Plus, see the Study Cruises on pages 17-18.

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NGSS – LS2-2, ESS2-5

College

College Internships
The Maritime Aquarium is proud to offer internships for college students in many different areas including education, animal husbandry, life support and more!
An internship is a perfect introduction to biology and the challenges of working with live animals in an aquarium. Often, college students can receive course credit, fulfill degree requirements and gain valuable practical experience by working as an Aquarist intern. Our college interns work with aquaticists, educators, volunteers, development staff and marketing staff. Previous interns have gone on to full-time positions at The Maritime Aquarium, Sea World, Mystic Aquarium, Georgia Aquarium, Scripps Institute and other aquariums, as well as careers in related fields, such as veterinary medicine.

What Interns Do
Maritime Aquarium college interns...
• Work with aquarists, educators, development, and marketing staff
• Learn how to care for the Aquarium’s animals. This includes food preparation, feeding, tank maintenance, water-quality testing, and more.
• Learn how to prepare educational materials, present programs and contact teachers.
• Work “on the floor” at the seal exhibit, touch tanks and other exhibits, sharing knowledge of marine animals with visitors of all ages and gaining valuable inter-personal communication experience at the same time.

For more information, check out our website at...
www.maritimeaquarium.org/internships or contact jdauterman@maritimeaquarium.org.

Study Cruises & Research Charters
Marine Life Study, Environmental Science, and Oceanography cruises (page 18), as well Coastal Resilience cruises (page 14), are all available as college-level presentations. These give students hands-on experience with scientific sampling equipment and methods. Contact our Reservations Department for details. Plus, our innovative vessel is available for research charters. For details, contact Nicki Rosenfeld at (203) 852-0700, ext. 2244, or nrosenfeld@maritimeaquarium.org.

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In-House only: $120 for first or simultaneous; $110 for second & additional sequential.

Shark Anatomy & Evolution
9 - 12
For decades, sharks have been called “living fossils.” But recent studies have challenged the notion that sharks have changed little over the course of evolutionary time. Guided by the Aquarium’s expert instructors, students work in groups dissecting small sharks to investigate shark adaptations and why they’ve been so successful. Students also learn about the relationship between bony and cartilaginous fish, and why many shark species are now threatened. 105 minutes. Fee charged for extra specimens.
In-House only: $275 for first/simultaneous; $250 for second & additional sequential.

FIELD PROGRAM: Shoreline Ecologists
9 - 12
Learn the fundamentals of how we study animal behavior and why enrichment is beneficial to animals in human care. Students receive first-hand experience being creative in designing and building an enrichment object for Aquarium animals using food and other sensory materials. Then students meet with a member of our Animal Husbandry department, who will put the enrichments in with the animals. Students then complete ethogram behavior surveys, logging how the animals interact with their enrichment item. 2 hours.
$350. Must be booked at least 4 weeks in advanced. Limited to two bookings per month. Simultaneous and sequential programs not available on the same day.

Behavioral Husbandry Lab
9 - 12
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Reservations: (203) 852-0700, ext. 2206
Marine Life Study Cruises
Study marine biodiversity from the water's surface down to the bottom for a first-hand understanding of Long Island Sound's interdependent marine life. Students utilize such sampling techniques as a plankton tow, biodredge and trawl net to bring up varieties of fish, crabs and mollusks – and maybe even squid, sea stars, shrimp and sharks. A videomicroscope (tied to a giant flat-screen monitor) and a touch tank right on the boat enhance observations. Marine Life Study Cruises by grade are:

• **Creatures of the Deep**
  
  See description above ... with focus on the adaptations of the animals living in Long Island Sound.
  
  NGSS – 3: LS1-3
  
  4: LS1-1, ESS2-1
  
  5: LS2-1, ESS2-1

• **Undersea Ecosystems**
  
  See description above ... with focus on examining the diets and interrelationships of Long Island Sound animals.
  
  NGSS – 6-8: LS2-2, LS2-3, LS2-4

• **Biodiversity & Conservation**
  
  In addition to description above, identify and classify the taxonomy of the animals hauled up from the deep, from microscopic plankton to small sharks. Learn about the conservation issues facing Norwalk Harbor and Long Island Sound.
  
  NGSS – 9-12: LS2-2, LS2-3, LS2-8, ESS2-5

Oceanography
This unique program focuses on the physical aspects of the world's oceans. Students collect and examine plankton samples to spark consideration of how phytoplankton and photosynthesis relate to Earth's atmosphere. They take weather readings and sample water at different depths, gathering their own data on temperature, salinity and turbidity to contribute to a discussion of the role of the oceans as indicators of global climate change. And they learn how seemingly slight changes in ocean temperatures and currents drive changes in weather in marine and terrestrial environments worldwide. Disembark at the end of the program with data you have collected and ideas for analysis back in your classroom.

NGSS – PS4-1, ESS2-5, LS2-5

Seal-Spotting & Birding Cruise
Available on select dates in February and March

Study winter biodiversity, including plankton and migrating waterfowl, as you seek out some of the seals that winter in Long Island Sound. Learn about the seals and get a broad picture of how the Sound's animal population changes in the winter, which animals swim or fly south, which burrow into the mud and which have adapted to the cold. Students will use scientific tools and instruments to measure weather and water chemistry. Binoculars provided. Dress very warmly!

NGSS – 4: LS1-1, ESS2-1

5: LS2-1, ESS2-1

6-8: LS2-2, LS2-3, LS2-4

9-12: LS2-8, LS4-4

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After-School Programs

The programs below are series that can be conducted at your school. They can be tailored to provide a few sessions or an entire school year of fun, engagement and learning! (Note: A school staff member is required to be present at all times.) To discuss options and pricing, call (203) 852-0700, ext. 2211.

New! Fish Tales
PK - K Learning comes to life through stories, songs, lots of movement, and even the occasional live-animal friend! See full description on page 9.
45 minutes each. $175 per session.

I Notice, I Wonder
PK - 2 Crabs, stories, drama and live animals in these hands-on programs encourage young students to use their diverse talents and observation skills in an exploration of what lives in Long Island Sound and the oceans beyond.
One to four sessions. 45 minutes each. $175 per session.

Junior Marine Biologist
6 - 8 Students set up, stock and maintain a group aquarium with live animals. They learn about water chemistry and use scientific probes to monitor water quality. They also grow brine shrimp to feed their animals, dissect fish and squid to learn about their anatomy and survival needs, and use microscopes to view the unseen world of Long Island Sound.
Eight to 10 sessions. One hour each. $215 per session.

Sound Explorers
3 - 5 Long Island Sound is home to sharks, sea turtles, squid and more. Students learn what shark skin feels like and how to identify different crabs and jellies. Live animals and science experiments bring to life the animals of the Sound, the issues they face, and what we all can do to make a difference in their environment.
Six to eight sessions. One hour each. $185 per session.

Marine World STEM
5 - 8 The aquarium and marine world are fantastic venues for developing skills in science, technology, engineering and math. In this new program, students design a boat, create neutrally buoyant ROV models, explore the science of diving, and engineer adaptations for deep-sea animals. From examining the structures of plankton to learning how roller coasters work, each session provides students with evidence of the relevance of science to our everyday lives.
Six to eight sessions. One hour each. $215 per session.

Other Opportunities

Sleepovers
An Aquarium sleepover is a fantastic way to build teamwork and school spirit, and to take a deeper dive into the marine world. With the Aquarium all to yourselves, you’ll attend a private seal-training demonstration, an IMAX movie, a behind-the-scenes tour and have close encounters with horseshoe crabs and other critters in our intertidal touch tank. We’ll also lead your group in games and activities that can be tailored to your educational and experiential goals.
Sleepovers run from 6 p.m. to 10 a.m. Minimum is 50 participants. If your group is fewer than 50 people, ask us about combining with another group.
Cost of $60 per person includes supper, snack, breakfast and an IMAX movie.
Learn more – and inquire about dates – at (203) 852-0700, ext. 2225.

Touch Tank for a Day!
A great bonus for Fairs and Science Events
We’ll set up a supervised touch tank with live tidepool creatures, such as crabs, sea stars, snails, whelks and clams.
This hands-on learning station will enhance any special school event. For 1 to 4 hours.
$180 for first hour; $125 for each additional hour. Call the number at the bottom of this page to schedule yours.

Other Opportunities

Scout Day 2019
Sat., March 23, 2019
Boy Scout and Girl Scout leaders at your school will want to get your school’s troops involved in this special day that includes admission discounts for Scouts, as well as educational programs that help to support badge requirements!

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The admission deal (which includes an IMAX movie) and programs are for all levels of Scouting, including adult leaders. All Scouts must be accompanied by a parent, guardian or troop/den leader.

Because of a limited number of “Maritime Aquarium Scout Day” badges and limited space in that day’s Scout workshops, there’s incentive for signing up early.

We do educational celebrations too
Know a parent who is looking for a unique, fun place for their child’s birthday party? Celebrate that special day at The Maritime Aquarium! A variety of age-appropriate themed parties introduce guests (and the guest of honor) to the amazing world of marine animals.
Details at www.maritimeaquarium.org/birthday-parties. Book a party by calling the phone number below.

www.MaritimeAquarium.org
Reservations: (203) 852-0700, ext. 2206
Enhance the educational value of an Aquarium visit by including a spectacular IMAX movie, shown on our six-story screen. (It’s the biggest in Connecticut!) IMAX is the world’s largest film format. Outstanding image clarity and the enormous screen size, combined with The Maritime Aquarium’s 12,000-watt surround-sound audio system, result in an immersive thrill that’s so unique it’s been trademarked as “the IMAX Experience.”

For our final year with the IMAX Theater (see page 2), we’ve selected a lineup of wonderful films that will engage your young learners in biology, ecosystems, conservation, world cultures, geography and more. Take full advantage of the educational content by using before-and-after film activities found in Educator’s Guides available for downloading here: www.maritimeaquarium.org/imax-library-films

IMAX® movies

Playing daily throughout the 2018-19 school year!

This beautiful film may be the most relevant IMAX movie ever shown to Maritime Aquarium audiences, and not just because it was made in nearby (and familiar) Westchester County, N.Y.

“Backyard Wilderness” shows us the seasonal circle of life playing out right outside our homes (and sometimes inside our homes), which we could see if we would just put down our devices!

The dramas and beauty of the suburban woods are captured in rare intimacy by IMAX cameras mounted where your students have never peered: inside dens and nests, on the forest floor and pond bottom.

Make “Backyard Wilderness” part of your lessons in adaptations, ecosystems, conservation, and more.

Daily through March 14, 2019

Follow a young panda taking her first steps in the wild – and the biologists in China teaching her to survive on her own – in this inspiring and endearing new IMAX® movie.

“Pandas” takes audiences to Chengdu Panda Base in China, where scientists work to breed giant pandas with the hopes of introducing cubs into the wild. This film follows one such researcher, whose passion leads her to initiate a new technique inspired by a black-bear rescue program in rural New Hampshire.

Follow this cross-culture collaboration and a curious female panda cub named Qian Qian (pronounced “Chien Chien”), as she faces the challenges of the unknown.

“Pandas” is a creation of the same production team behind the IMAX movie “Born to Be Wild,” which is one of the Aquarium’s most popular films ever with area educators.

Want to check out a film before you bring your class?
With advance reservations, teachers can preview our IMAX movies for FREE at any public screening. Call (203) 852-0700, ext. 2206.

Turn the page for more IMAX movies, including our IMAX library.
Our IMAX Film Library

Our daily IMAX films (pages 21-23), or films in our IMAX library (below), can be booked at 10 or 11 a.m. for groups of at least 50 students to enhance your class’ studies. Educator’s Guides, created by the films’ producers, are available for most movies on the IMAX page of our website.

**LIFE SCIENCES**
- “Africa: The Serengeti”
- “Alaska: Spirit of the Wild”
- “Amazon Adventure”
- “Beavers”
- “Born to Be Wild”
- “Coral Reef Adventure”
- “Deep Sea”
- “Dolphins”
- “Flight of the Butterflies”
- “Great White Shark”

**SOCIAL STUDIES**
- “Grand Canyon Adventure: River at Risk”
- “Lewis & Clark: Great Journey West”
- “Michael Jordan’s To the Max”
- “National Parks Adventure”
- “Shackleton’s Antarctic Adventure”
- “Titanica”

**OTHER SCIENCES**
- “A Beautiful Planet”
- “Dream Big: Engineering Our World”
- “The Alps”
- “Tornado Alley”
- “T-Rex: Back to the Cretaceous”

Film titles in green are great for PreK - Grade 2.

**THE POLAR EXPRESS**

Available for special weekday shows at 9 or 10 a.m. Nov. 12 - Dec. 21, 2018

Give your students a holiday treat! Book a special weekday IMAX screening of “The Polar Express.” Bring snacks, juice and blankets – even dress in your jammies – for this full-length (100-minute) animated Tom Hanks film, which is based on the Caldecott Award-winning book.

For school groups only. Group of at least 50 are required to reserve a show. (Fewer than 50? Do call because we may be able to combine you with another group.) The required 1:7 chaperone:student ratio applies.

Special Price: $9.50 for students, $11.50 for adults (does not include Aquarium admission). Because of grant limitations, we cannot offer financial assistance for admission to “The Polar Express.”

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More IMAX movies

Scheduled to open for daily shows on March 15, 2019

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Aquarium Admission
(for groups of 10 students or more with advance reservations)

Aquarium only  $12  Free  $17
Aquarium + IMAX  $16  $7.50  $21
IMAX movie only  $6.50  $7.50  $8

• Norwalk Public Schools students get free Aquarium-only admission when visiting as a class.
• Aquarium admission includes all special exhibits.
• From May to mid-October, the City of Norwalk charges a $5 bus parking fee.
• IMAX prices are higher for the feature-length “The Polar Express.” See page 23.
• A non-refundable 25% deposit is due for IMAX movies.

See page 4 for two special admission offers for visiting schools and students!

Program Prices

Programs conducted at
The Maritime Aquarium (pages 9-19)
Price varies by the duration and the number of times we present it to your students. Prices are listed with each program description, and are in addition to Aquarium admission prices above.

Traveling Teacher programs conducted at your school, and also Field Programs
(identified on pages 9-19)
Price varies by the duration and the number of times we present it. Prices are listed with each program description, and are in addition to Aquarium admission prices above.

Study Cruises (pages 17-18)
$850 for up to 40 participants. Additional Aquarium admission is optional.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR GROUPS

Today’s Date ____________________ Group Name ___________________________________________
Address ________________________________ Town _______ State _____ Zip ____________
Grade Level ________ Contact Name ____________________________________________________
Primary Phone # ___________________ Alternate # _________________________________
Email Address ________________________________ Fax# ________________________________
Total # of Students in group: _______________ Chaperones (?) ratio: ____________________
Have you made a reservation? Yes: No: Reservation # ______________________________
Proposed Date of Visit/Travel: ________________________________

If you would like to visit the Aquarium:
What would you like to do (circle one): Aquarium only  IMAX only  Aquarium + IMAX
Do you want to add an Educational Program? Yes: No
If yes, name of Educational Program: ______________________________________________

If you would like a Maritime Aquarium Traveling Teacher program to visit your school:
Name of Traveling Teacher program: ______________________________________________

If you are a school, how many students in your group participate in the Free/Reduced Lunch program? ______
If you are an organization, how many students in your group receive financial aid from you? ______
Other Criteria indicating need: ____________________________________________________________
_______________________________________________________________________________________

Unfortunately, we cannot wholly subsidize your visit. What is the maximum amount you and your students

can contribute toward admission and/or program cost per student? __________________________
Teacher Signature: ___________________________ Date: __________________________
Principal/Executive Director’s Signature (required): ___________________________ Date: __________________________

Applications must be received four weeks prior to visit to qualify. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Mail or fax to: Financial Assistance: Reservations, The Maritime Aquarium at Norwalk
10 North Water St., Norwalk, CT 06854
Fax: (203) 838-5416 www.maritimeaquarium.org

www.MaritimeAquarium.org  Reservations: (203) 852-0700, ext. 2206
Join us for a night of edge-of-your-seat storytelling through a series of inspiring short films all focusing on the big blue. The International Ocean Film Tour features some of the world’s most inspiring personalities, with stories from around the world as well as from in our own back yard. Don’t miss this celebration of the sailors, boarders, coral-reef conservationists and cinematographers who are doing extraordinary things.

For all ages. Go to www.maritimeaquarium.org for tickets and more details.

Thurs., Nov. 15