

Homeschool Day Itinerary			
	Ages 4-6	Ages 7-11	Ages 12-18
9:00	Check-In for Morning Session 9:00am - 9:45am		
9:15			
9:30			
9:45	Arrive at Classroom (3rd Floor Nautilus Ballroom)		
10:00	Welcome and Introductions		
10:15	Introduction to Sharks	Animal Training 101	Introduction to Physics
10:30	Shapes & Sharks		Physics in Action!
10:45	Craft	Animal Diets	
11:00	Shark Voyage	Taking Care of Animals!	Physics Analysis
11:15			
11:30	Sharks of All Sizes!	Buoyancy 101	
11:45			
12:00	Break 12:00pm - 1:45pm		
12:15	12:15pm Pre-Ordered Picnic Lunches at Reef Refreshments Food Kiosk (located outside next to the Dancing Fountains)		
12:30			
12:45			
1:00	Check-In for Afternoon Session 1:00pm - 1:45pm		
1:15			
1:30			
1:45	Arrive at Classroom (3rd Floor Nautilus Ballroom)		
2:00	Welcome and Introductions		
2:15	Who Dirtied The Water?	The Importance of Zoos and Aquariums	Physics of Flight
2:30			
2:45	Coral Communities	Exhibit Design Scavenger Hunt	Birds of Prey
3:00			
3:15	Snack Time	Exhibit Design	Owl Pellets
3:30	Water Color Art		
3:45			
4:00	End of Home School Day		
4:15	Aquarium Closes at 9:00pm		

Please Note: Families that do not wish to participate in the educational sessions above are still able to purchase discounted All Day Adventure Passes for \$10 (regularly \$19.99!). 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.

Homeschool Day Program Descriptions

Ages 4-6

Shapes & Sharks

Students create an ocean scene using shapes, colors, and listening skills.

Shark Voyage

Hop aboard the C.P. Huntington train and take a ride through the center of a 165,000 gallon shark tank for an up-close view of a variety of shark species.

Sharks of All Sizes!

Now that you've seen sharks up close, learn even more about the many different species of sharks – from the smallest dwarf lantern shark to the largest whale shark!

Who Dirtied the Water?

Learn about water pollution and its effects on the ocean environment with this hands-on demonstration.

Coral Communities

Is coral a plant or an animal? What does coral need to survive? How do all the fishes get along in a coral reef? Find out the answers and more during this fun, interactive coral program!

Water Color Art

Create a handmade art souvenir using water colors inspired by the oceans.

Ages 7-11

Animal Training 101

Learn about animal training from the expert staff at the Downtown Aquarium. Play the training game and see real animal training in action!

Animal Diets

Want to be an animal keeper when you grow up? Learn what it takes to feed and care for your favorite animals.

Taking Care of Animals

Go behind the scenes and assist in the care of our box turtle, Max, and our chinchilla, Andy! Learn what animals need to be well cared for, including water, food, shelter, and enrichment.

Ages 7-11 Continued...

The Importance of Zoos and Aquariums

Meet an animal expert and learn why zoos and aquariums are important for conservation and education.

Scavenger Hunt

Join us on a scavenger hunt through our aquarium to learn exciting new facts about the animals in our Aquarium Adventure Exhibit.

Exhibit Design

Using what they learned on the scavenger hunt, students will design an exhibit for an animal.

Ages 12-18

Physics in Action!

After reviewing several physics topics, students will head out to the amusement park to see these concepts in action!

Physics Analysis

After experiencing physics in action, students will apply what they learned to solving real-life problems and analyzing their results.

Buoyancy 101

Students will learn the basics of buoyancy through hands-on demonstrations and content from the Aquarium's STEM curriculum written for OCEARCH – a non-profit organization that studies sharks.

Physics of Flight

Fascinated by flying birds? Learn how birds fly by doing experiments and meet some of our flying feathered friends.

Birds of Prey

Meet our birds of prey and learn about their adaptations and what makes them so special.

Owl Pellet Dissection

Students will learn what owls eat and how owl pellets are made in this hands-on dissection. Our educators will lead the students through their dissections and clean up the mess!



Registration Form

“Dive into Education” Homeschool Day

Tuesday, August 30, 2016

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 #: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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 **Lunch Order (Optional)** and **Payment Information Forms**.
Do not complete the roster below!

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

Educational Session Registration		
Name of Student	Age	Check Selection(s)
1.		<input type="checkbox"/> Morning Session ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon Session ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Both Sessions
2.		<input type="checkbox"/> Morning Session ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon Session ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Both Sessions
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12.		<input type="checkbox"/> Morning Session ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon Session ONLY <input type="checkbox"/> Both Sessions

*If you require more roster space, please submit a second form with the same contact information.



Picnic Lunch Order Form (Optional)

Picnic lunches must be pre-ordered.

Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

Picnic Lunches - \$4.00 each

Includes a sandwich, chips, piece of fruit, and beverage.

Please Note:

Please make a note of any allergies and we will do our best to accommodate.

Updates to picnic lunch orders must be requested with 48 hours' notice.

Picnic lunch order cancelations made less than 48 hours in advance are non-refundable.

Picnic lunches can be picked up at the Reef Refreshment Food Kiosk at 12:15pm.

Picnic Lunch Sandwich Selections	
Sandwich Selection	Quantity
Turkey and Cheese	
Ham and Cheese	
Peanut Butter and Jelly	
Total Meals =	

Allergies - _____

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. Items purchased from the Aquarium restaurant may not be taken outside.

Our concession stands are conveniently located outside in the amusement area and serve foods such as hotdogs, pretzels, nachos, and beverages.



Payment Information Form

Full payment is due by Wednesday, August 24th
at 4:00pm in order to guarantee your reservation.

Contact Name: _____ Phone #: _____

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

Tickets are nonrefundable, non-exchangeable and no rain checks will be issued.

Homeschool Day Selections	Selection Price (TAX INCLUDED)	Total Quantity Selected	Total Price
Morning Session Only (All Ages)	\$16.24 Per Participant		
Afternoon Session Only (All Ages)	\$16.24 Per Participant		
Morning & Afternoon Sessions (All Ages)	\$21.65 Per Participant		
Discounted All Day Adventure Pass	\$10.83 Per Ticket		
Picnic Lunch (All Sandwich Options)	\$4.33 Per Lunch		
		Total Amount Due =	

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

Cash

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: 410 Bagby Street
Houston, Texas 77002
Attn: Education Sales

Please Note:

- **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.

Thank you for choosing the Downtown Aquarium!



Homeschool Day

Frequently Asked Questions

What time is the Downtown Aquarium open? *On Homeschool Day, we will be open from 9:00am – 9:00pm.*

When do we check in? *Please plan on arriving during the designated check-in times indicated on the itinerary.*

Where do we check in? *Attention – New Information! All Homeschool Day guests will now 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 9am-4pm for your convenience.*

How do I enroll my student(s) in the educational sessions? *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 session? *Yes. Students enrolled in the educational sessions will receive an All Day Adventure Pass. Non-enrolled children and adults can purchase a discounted All Day Adventure Pass for \$10 (regularly \$19.99).*

Do I have to enroll my student(s) in the educational sessions? *No. Families that do not wish to participate in the educational sessions are still able to purchase discounted All Day Adventure Passes for \$10 (regularly \$19.99!). 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 sessions? *The sessions can include science activities, conservation information, crafts, games, exhibit tours, animal encounters and more!*

How old does my child have to be to attend an educational session? *Your child must be between the ages 4-18 to attend an educational session. These classes are divided based on the children's age, not grade.*

Can I enroll my child in a session 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 sessions? *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 appearances, diver shows, and tiger talks.*

Who teaches the education sessions? *Classes are taught by our senior Interpretive Naturalists. 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 sessions include live animals? *Many of the sessions 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.*

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.*

Where do we eat lunch? *We offer pre-ordered picnic lunches (\$4.00 each) that will be available for pick up at 12:15pm during the break between sessions. 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. Items purchased from the Aquarium restaurant may not be taken outside. And 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 sessions.*

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>*