

Information valid through September 2009



## New England Aquarium Visit and Outreach Information

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Programs are available for organizations within Boston and some surrounding areas.

### Visit the New England Aquarium

Free group admission to the Aquarium may be requested for up to 75 people per organization.

Additional tickets may be purchased at a discounted rate.

One adult chaperone must accompany every ten youths age 16 and under.

Groups over 40 must pay for all chaperones at a discounted group rate.

### Outreach Programs at your site\*\* —NEAq staff will present the program at your organization.

Single Visits- Organizations may request educational outreach programs to be delivered to their site. Programs are approximately 45 minutes in length and only offered on weekdays- see request form for days and times. Topics include penguins, tidal pool animals, and invasive species.

Repeated Visits- For groups interested in more extensive educational experiences, we offer the Raiders and Invaders Series.

Community Events/ Festivals- We are available for community events!

### Requirements:

Organizations must illustrate financial need that restricts their ability to access New England Aquarium programming. Acceptable documentation of financial constraints can include an annual report and/or a copy of a tax-exemption certificate.

Organizations must be within the Boston area.

**Requests must be received at least two weeks before proposed date of visit or outreach.**

**All requests are granted on a first-come, first-serve basis.**

### Visit and Outreach Requests should include:

A completed Visit/Outreach Request form

An annual report and/or certificate of tax exemption

A letter addressed to the Community Programs staff that describes the mission of the organization, and who will benefit from the free programming.

\*\*Visit requests are NOT booked until you receive a confirmation letter from our reservations department, with a reservation number. If you do not receive a confirmation letter 1 week prior to your requested visit, please call the Community Programs office to confirm.

### Please mail or fax all material to:

Community Programs  
New England Aquarium  
Exploration Center  
Central Wharf  
Boston, MA 02110  
Fax: (617) 973-0251

If you have any questions,  
please call Craig Walker at (617) 973-0281.

# New England Aquarium

## Visit and Outreach Request Form

### Summer 2009

Reminder: Forms must be received at least 2 weeks prior to date of visit/outreach. For community events, please request at least 3 weeks prior to date of the event.

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Organization Name \_\_\_\_\_

Site Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Fax # \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Children\* \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Age of Children \_\_\_\_\_ **1 Chaperone is required for every 10 youth**  
(You may not be allowed access if you do not have required chaperones)

*Up to 75 children per organization, additional tickets may be purchased at a discounted rate. You will need to purchase tickets for additional chaperones and if the number of adults exceeds the number on your reservation.*

### **Outreach Program at your site:**

(Free outreach programs are offered Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays)

**Program Options:    1) Traveling Tide Pool                    2) Sharks                    3) Penguins**

Please check if you would like to learn more about our multiple-visit outreach programs, the Raiders and Invaders Series. (Limited Availability)

Start times: (3:30PM – 5:00PM)

SELECTION	PROGRAM	DATE (mm/dd/yy)	START TIME
First Choice			
Second Choice			
Third Choice			

\*Each outreach program runs approximately 45 minutes\*

### **Visit the New England Aquarium:**

(Free admission to the NEAq, groups larger than 15 people are subject to a \$5 reservations fee)  
 Please enter three dates: Your first choice may not be available. Please include backup choices.

SELECTION	PROGRAM	DATE (mm/dd/yy)	TIME OF ARRIVAL
First Choice			
Second Choice			
Third Choice			

## Programs for the Boston Community from the New England Aquarium

**Reaching out—**Programs in the Community ... We believe strongly in extending the New England Aquarium's resources to all of the Greater Boston metropolitan area. We try to reinforce participants' appreciation and understanding of their surroundings through increased exposure to local marine life, environmental awareness, and biodiversity.

### **Outreach Format—***Traveling exhibits that bring a piece of the Aquarium to YOU!*

To help accommodate Community groups, we bring Aquarium exhibits to you with hands-on tabletop displays that allow free exploration and discovery! All of our programs follow a similar format that can be modified to accommodate your needs (group age, size or room space). All programs are designed to give participants the opportunity to handle and observe information on their own. After a brief introduction, participants are encouraged to explore tabletop exhibits with staff assistance. **(Please note: your staff is required to stay with the group at all times.)**

**Size:** 20-40 youth per program (we can do two programs if there are over 40 youth).  
Divide youths into groups of 5-7.

**Time frame:** 45 minutes total: 10 minute introduction, 25 minutes of hands-on exploration, and 10 minutes of recap.

**Format:** A tabletop exhibit; preferably spread out on three, six-foot tables. Participants are divided into groups that rotate through stations.

**Description of set up:** 3 Tables at one end of room. Youths may sit on floor or on chairs and face the 3 tables.

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### **COMMON QUESTIONS:**

***What is an Outreach?*** An outreach is simply a traveling exhibit that we can bring to your site.

***Does this cost money?*** NO! We offer quality programs for community organizations that qualify, FREE of charge!

***Does my organization qualify?*** To participate in our programming, you must be a community organization within the Greater Boston area serving an audience that would benefit from our resources. These are out-of-school time programs designed for an after-school program, community center, library, hospital, religious organization, etc. Community Programs does not provide programming for Boston Public Schools, or any other school audience. (We currently work with organizations in: Boston, Cambridge, Chelsea, Everett, Malden, Revere, and Somerville).

***What size should my group be?*** We can accommodate a group of up to 40. We split groups over 40 into two and present separate programs back to back. If you have a very large number of youths, please call to discuss any options. What if I need to cancel or reschedule? If you need to cancel or reschedule, please contact 617-973-0281.

***Do you bring live sharks or penguins?*** No. We bring live tidal pool animals that move but do not swim. How far in advance should I apply? Our programs are first come-first serve, so earlier is better. We suggest a month prior for fall and spring, and two months prior for summer and school vacation weeks.

***Should my Staff stay during the program?*** YES! Your staff's participation is a requirement. Your staff MUST remain with the children at all times and are responsible for maintaining order.

## Program Descriptions

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1. Traveling Tidepool
2. Shark Cart
3. Penguins

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Did you know that penguins and polar bear do not interact in the wild? Discover why ...

### **Traveling Tidepool** approx. 45 min.

Ages 3-6 or 6-12

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Our Tide Pool program allows participants to handle and observe a wide range of live tidal pool animals from local waters. The program features a unique tabletop exhibit that recreates three separate habitats (salt marsh, sandy beach, rocky coast) out of fiberglass, foam and sand models placed into trays of water. Discussion focuses on participants experiences with these habitats and the adaptations of animals that live in them. Participants are encouraged to discover the answers to their questions through direct observation. This program can be tailored to varying age levels and live animals may include: horseshoe crabs, moon snails, sea urchins, sea stars, periwinkle snails, waved whelks, scallops, oysters, mussels, soft-shell clams, etc.

For a younger audience (ages 3-6), the program focuses upon understanding and becoming comfortable with tide pool animals (Live animals may include snails, clams, sea urchins, sea stars, and hermit crabs). Because of their age, we bring animals that will not be adversely affected by handling. For this program, trays of water are set up on the floor.

*Do you know what a sea urchin eats and what eats a sea urchin? The answer, and more coming to a Traveling Tide Pool program near you!*

### **Shark Cart**

Ages 6-12

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Many people find sharks to be the most intriguing and frightening animals in the ocean. But are all the shark stories we hear true? Are all sharks the same? Through a discussion and a series of hands-on activities, participants will look at shark truth and fiction. Participants will handle real shark jaws and skin, identify the biggest and smallest sharks, and learn about the many special adaptations to their sense of smell, sight and the ability to sense vibration and electrical currents. (This program does NOT include live animals)

*Did you know that the largest fish in the ocean, the WHALE SHARK, does not use teeth to eat? Learn what and HOW it eats!*

### **Penguins Ages**

Ages 6-12

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This is an introduction about where Penguins live, basic biology and behavior. Participants will get a chance to both “be” a Penguin and to “observe” Penguin behavior in during this interactive program.