



Sea Squirts and Sea Squirts Preview FAQs

Pre-registration for Sea Squirts and Sea Squirts Preview is required. Registration can be done online or by phone. You can book more than one series at a time. If your class is often full, we encourage you to book early to ensure your space in the class.

Where is the class held?

Classes are held in the Aquarium's Ocean Center, which is located on the lower level of the Bason Harbor Garage (facing the harbor). Follow the walkway away from the Simons IMAX Theatre with the garage on your right until you come to a door marked "Harborside Learning Lab." Your teacher will be there to let you in.

What is the class like?

There are four classes in a series that focus on one central topic or theme. Each class starts with free play so that Sea Squirts can get adjusted to a new space and new friends. Classes can include songs, art projects and movement activities that help reinforce topic themes and preschool readiness. These activities may involve mess, paint or water, so please dress and plan accordingly. Every class will conclude with a guided visit to an exhibit related to the day's topic in the Aquarium's main building. Visiting the Aquarium's main building will also help you and your children become familiar with the Aquarium.

How long is the class?

Each class is one hour long and concludes in the Aquarium's main building. We will spend approximately 45 minutes in the Sea Squirts classroom and then head over to the Aquarium exhibits for the remainder of the class. Please see your reservation confirmation for the start time of your program.

What is the class size?

Class sizes are typically between 5 and 10 students. If your class has low registration, you will be notified of the cancellation the week before the session starts.

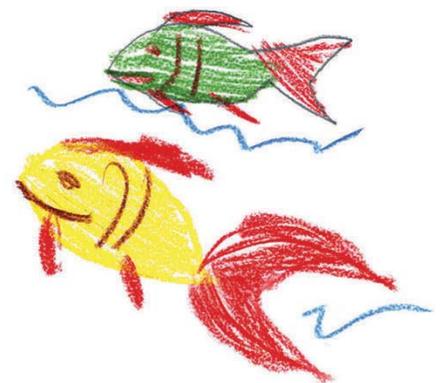
What happens if my session is canceled due to low enrollment?

We apologize for any inconvenience if this happens. We are happy to move you to another class (space permitting), transfer your registration to a future session or provide a refund. Refunds will require follow-up contact with the Student Programs staff.

Does the Aquarium have parking?

The Aquarium does not own or operate any parking facilities. Please find parking information online.

http://www.neaq.org/visit_planning/maps_directions_and_parking/index.php





How do I pay for the program?

Payment can be made over the phone with a credit card. Due to the popularity of these programs, we require that your payment be made in full when you book your reservation. Admission into the Aquarium is included as part of the program fee if you are a non-member. If you would like more information about membership please call 617-973-6555 or visit our website.

http://www.neaq.org/get_involved/memberships/index.php

Can I observe a class before I register?

Our classes are very popular and frequently at or near capacity. To offer the best programming possible to our registrants, we do not offer drop-in attendance. Please see “What is the class like?” above for a description of what each class entails.

Can I bring my other children to Sea Squirts classes?

We discourage the attendance of younger siblings that are ages 12 to 23 months and older siblings. We want to make sure the class is focused on the target age range of 2- to 4-year-olds and find that siblings present during class can distract from learning and activities. We encourage families to seek alternative arrangements if possible.

What if my child is not old enough for Sea Squirts?

Children must be at least 24 months by the start of the series to attend a Sea Squirts class. We offer Sea Squirts Preview to children ages 12 to 23 months so that they have an opportunity to get to know the program and come to Sea Squirts better prepared.

Does an adult need to be present?

Due to the nature of the activities and the program, it is mandatory for adults to attend with children, and we hope the adults will participate alongside the children.

How do I know if I am registered?

When you book your reservation you will receive a confirmation invoice as an email attachment. You can always email to confirm your registration. We are happy to resend you an invoice with all the dates you signed up for.

What does my registration include?

Your registration includes all four classes in the series. By grouping these classes together, we are able to offer a program that continually builds upon the topic, information and skills presented in each class. It will also provide the children with a familiar and comfortable space to come back to each week.

What if I miss the registration deadline?

If there is space left in the class, we are happy to try to book you into an available spot. Late registrations must be done by calling 617-226-2123; they cannot be done through Central Reservations or online.



What if I cannot attend a class?

Unfortunately we cannot offer refunds for absences. If you know you are going to miss a class please call 617-226-2123 or email kids.ed@neaq.org to inform us of your absence.

What if I can only make one or two classes?

We encourage you to try and attend as many classes in a session as possible. Full payment for four classes is required to reserve your spot in the series. We do not offer drop-in registration to this program.



What if there is bad weather?

Sea Squirts and Sea Squirts Preview will be canceled if Boston Public Schools are closed or if the Aquarium is closed during its normal hours. Please call the Aquarium's information line at 617-973-5200 to hear a recording of the Aquarium's current operating status. In the event that the Aquarium has a delayed opening, any classes that were scheduled for that day are canceled. If we anticipate poor weather conditions and decide to cancel the class, an email notification will be sent.

What happens if my session is canceled due to weather?

If the class does not occur due to closure of the Aquarium or Boston Public Schools, every effort will be made to provide a make-up class depending on staff and space availability.

What if my child is sick?

If your child is sick we strongly recommend he/she rest at home and get well. If your child gets sick during class (i.e.: fever or vomiting) we ask that you head home for the day for the benefit of yourself, other participants and staff.

How can I contact you?

You can contact the Student Programs staff by emailing kids.ed@neaq.org or calling 617-226-2123.