



## Field Trip Information Packet

**Thank you for choosing Marineland's Dolphin Conservation Center for your educational field trip. Listed below you will find all of the information that you will need to make your visit a success!**

Field Trip Options: No matter how you'd like to spend your day with us, we have an educational field trip for you. Choose from the following three options and give us a call at (904) 471-1111, ext. 116 with any questions or to reserve your program.

1. Observe the dolphins through large under water viewing windows and benefit from the educational signage and informed staff and volunteers who will be happy to answer your students' questions. Free activity sheets can be downloaded from the "Education" section of our website at [marineland.net](http://marineland.net).
  - General Admission rates apply
  - Bus drivers and one chaperone/six children will receive free admission.
2. To increase the education value of your field trip, Marineland offers a thirty minute formal classroom presentation. This class is available for an additional fee for up to 30 students. Multiple classes per day may be purchased. Presentations may be tailored toward each group's educational needs, but must be scheduled in advance.
  - \$100/classroom presentation + price of general admission above
  - This program does not take place during summer months.
3. If your students would like to have the opportunity to interact with a dolphin, your field trip can be supplemented with this option as well. Reservations are required and restrictions do apply, so please inquire about the details when you give us a call.
  - \$15/person (This includes admission, classroom presentation and dolphin encounter!)

- This program does not take place during summer months.
- In order to arrange for the best possible visit, please call in advance to make your reservation. Our group visit calendar does fill up quickly, so please call 904-471-1111 ext 116 as soon as possible.
- A Tax Exempt Certificate and a letter on Certificate holder's letterhead authorizing the use of tax exempt certificate must be provided at the time of purchasing your admission so that we may allow tax exemption. We need a copy to keep for each transaction processed at our point of sale. We do not keep your Tax Exempt Certificate on file.

### **Things to know when visiting Marineland's Dolphin Conservation Center**

- Due to facility capacities, we are only able to accept groups of up to 50 children plus their chaperones during our busy season (June-Sept), and 60-75 in the off season. If your group exceeds that, you may want to plan an activity that would split your group up into acceptable numbers. This would have to be staffed by your chaperones and/or camp counselors. Some ideas would be:
  - a. An educational walk along the shoreline. Public beach access is walking distance from Marineland.
  - b. An arts and crafts activity, story time or educational presentation that can be done underneath the covered picnic area.
  - c. Fort Matanzas (a national historical monument) and Washington Oaks State Park and Gardens are a short drive away, and could be utilized by your groups.

Please remember that temperatures can be very high during the summer months here and ours is an all outdoor facility. This should be considered when planning your visit with us.

- Marineland does have a café available with snacks, drinks and sandwiches available for purchase. Students can bring a lunch and may eat at the covered picnic area.
- The Dolphin Conservation Center is an outdoor venue. Please make sure that children are equipped with proper attire and sunscreen (if applicable). We do not sell rain attire or sunscreen at our facility so please come prepared.
- Please visit our website at [marineland.net](http://marineland.net) for educational activity packets complete with games, scavenger hunts, and assignment sheets designed to increase the educational value of your visit. All of the activities may be completed by reading the signage in the facility, speaking with staff and volunteers or observing animals. Feel free to make as many copies as you'd like. You'll notice both a Student Version (without answers) and a Teacher Version (with answers).

- To pay for admission, you will need to have a representative from your organization come into the gift shop. We recommend that you have your group assemble under the covered walkway and send in only who needs to be present to make the purchase. We will be happy to come to your group to give everyone a wristband and show you where to go from there! Please enter the gift shop in groups of no more than 20 with accompanying chaperones. This will reduce confusion for you, the children and our staff as well.
- Restrooms are located both outside and inside the gift shop. They are not located in the Dolphin Conservation Center, so you will need to utilize them before entering the facility.
- DCC staff will not be available to enforce the Dolphin Conservation Center Guidelines. Please brief your chaperones on expectations before arriving.



## **Dolphin Conservation Center Guidelines**

**To ensure the enjoyment and fun of all our guests, we would like to provide you with some guidelines for your group. Please review these with your staff/chaperones and children prior to arrival so that you may maximize the quality of your time at Marineland's Dolphin Conservation Center.**

- Standing on chairs or window sills is prohibited. The viewing windows provide excellent opportunities for observing the animals in the water, while the “Kid Zone” platforms allow children to observe the dolphins and the people above the water. Children should refrain from standing anywhere that may be unsafe for them or the animals.
- For the safety of your children and our dolphins, garbage, rocks, plants, fingers and toes must stay out of the water!
- The toys you will see the dolphins playing with have been chosen for them based on a variety of characteristics ensuring their safety. Additional toys should not be brought into the facility and absolutely may not be thrown into the water.
- Unless your organization has booked an interactive program or classroom presentation, your group should simply expect to observe our dolphins. These interactive programs and classes can be reserved for an additional charge with a reservation prior to your visit at your organization's request.
- Running and horseplay is prohibited for safety reasons. Likewise, we would ask that all guests stay off of rocks, stones, and statuary. Pictures may be taken *next* to these pieces. We thank you for helping us preserve these relics by not climbing on them!
- Marineland's Dolphin Conservation Center is a facility designed to promote understanding and respect of all animals and their habitats. We expect the behavior of all of our guests, including students, teachers and chaperones to be aligned with these goals.