

# Field Trip Guide



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## Our Education Mission at Marineland:

### We Aim

To share our passion for, and our knowledge of, wildlife and wild lands with our colleagues, our guests, and our community.

### We Exist

To be the source of inspiration that will motivate an informed public toward conservation behavior.

### We Do This By

- Introducing children and adults to awe inspiring animals
- Helping our guests to bridge the gap between the animals they love at Marineland and the wildlife that need our help
- Providing a resource for environmental education in our community

## Booking a Field Trip:

### 1. Choose Field Trip Option(s):

- Programs and pricing are detailed in the tables below.

### 2. Contact Education Department:

- Email: [apritchard@marineland.net](mailto:apritchard@marineland.net)
- Phone: (904) 471-1111 ext. 103
- Website Request: <https://marineland.net/field-trip-information-request/>

### 3. Put down \$100.00 non-refundable deposit:

- Full payment will be due 14 days prior to your program date.
- Payments may be made with a corporate check or credit/debit card.
- **For tax-exempt status:** A copy of your Tax-Exempt Certificate must be provided along with your deposit. All payments (deposit and final payment) must be made from an account associated with the organization listed on the certificate. We do not keep your Tax-Exempt Certificate on file.

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## Education Offerings

Every day, Marineland offers the following **Self-Guided** educational opportunities:

- 10:30am: Narrated Sand Tiger Shark Talk**
- 11:15am: Narrated Dolphin Training Presentation**
- 11:30am: Behind the Seas Tour**
- 1:00pm: Narrated Sea Turtle Presentation**
- 1:30pm: Behind the Seas Tour**
- 2:30pm: Narrated Dolphin Training Presentation**
- 2:45pm: Behind the Seas Tour**

For **\$10/student**, we invite you to bring your students to enjoy all of these self-guided opportunities, enhanced with optional worksheets that can be downloaded from our [website](#).

To increase the educational value and interactive opportunities for your students, our professional education staff proudly offers the following additions to your standard educational visit:

- **Education Station(s)** featuring marine biofacts available for students to visit at their leisure during their Marineland visit. **\$12/student**
- **Formal Classroom Lessons** focusing on your choice of marine science and marine conservation topics. **\$15/student**
- **Touch and Play** out of water interaction with our dolphins, guided by our professional animal trainers. **\$22/student (includes digital photos)**
  - **Note:** For an additional \$5/student, a formal classroom lesson may be added on to the Education Station or Touch and Play options.

## Field Trip Fees

Field Trip Type	Cost Per Student/ Chaperone*	Teachers Free**	Group sizes	What's Included
Self-Guided	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Any</b>	Enjoy the following opportunities, enhanced by <a href="#">optional worksheets</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 10:30am: Shark Talk</li> <li>• 11:15am: Dolphin Talk</li> <li>• 11:30am: Guided Tour</li> <li>• 1:00pm: Turtle Talk</li> <li>• 1:30pm: Guided Tour</li> <li>• 2:30pm: Dolphin Talk</li> <li>• 2:45pm: Guided Tour</li> </ul>
Education Stations	<b>\$12.00</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>Any</b>	Above Self-Guided Option + a hands-on education station.
Formal Classroom Lesson	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>80 or less</b>	Above Self-Guided Option + your choice of one formal classroom lesson.  <b>NOTE: For an additional \$5/student, an additional classroom lesson can be added to any program. This will add 45 minutes to your visit.</b>
Touch and Play***	<b>\$22.00 (including digital photos)</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>100</b>	Any of the above options + a 5 minute out-of-water dolphin encounter.  <b>Please note that the Touch and Play will not be offered from March 29<sup>th</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup>.</b>

\*Prices do not include the 7% sales tax. If you are tax exempt, please provide a copy of your tax-exempt certificate at the time of the deposit.

\*\*One teacher free for every 20 students

\*\*\*At Marineland Dolphin Adventure, for the health and safety of our animals, all loose items and jewelry must be removed prior to the start of all dolphin interactions.

\*\*\*\*The behind the seas walking tour can be substituted for a classroom lesson or education station.

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## Lesson Options

<u>Themes/Lessons</u>	<u>Descriptions</u>
<b>Anatomy and Adaptations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Sharks</li> <li>➤ Sea Turtles</li> <li>➤ Dolphins</li> </ul>	<p>Step into the flippers of a marine biologist and examine the adaptive characteristics of ocean megafauna. Students will discover the traits that make marine organisms unique through an interactive shark, dolphin, or turtle anatomy lesson. This program will encourage students to analyze adaptations on both the broad level and interspecific level. Students will finish the program with an improved understanding of the relationship between an organism’s niche, biology, and physiology.</p>
<b>Ecosystems</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Coral Reefs</li> <li>➤ Ecosystem Engineers</li> <li>➤ Invasive Species</li> </ul>	<p>The environment is a complex system of interacting organisms and the biological systems that fuel them. Students will explore the interconnectedness of ecosystems through dynamic activities involving coral reefs, invasive species, or ecosystem engineering. Understanding the importance of ecosystems is within the grasp of all students, waiting to be discovered.</p>
<b>Field Research</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Shark Tracking</li> <li>➤ Dolphin ID</li> <li>➤ Mock Stranding</li> </ul>	<p>Immerse students in the world of ocean science through hands-on, field research opportunities. Students will have the opportunity to explore the elements of data collection, scientific observation, and the role of science in conservation. With options ranging from a mock dolphin stranding response to dolphin ID or shark tracking, this program is designed to engage students in interactive and exciting fieldwork true to marine biology.</p>
<b>Conservation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Upcycle</li> <li>➤ Plastic Voyages</li> </ul>	<p>Inspire a new generation of environmental stewards with a series of conservation-focused lessons. Students may immerse themselves in the concept of upcycling through creative reuse projects, or examine the effects of microplastic in a suspenseful activity. This program is designed to excite students about the ways they can contribute to global conservation efforts.</p>
<b>Ecological Footprint</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Survivor</li> <li>➤ What’s in the water?</li> <li>➤ Dune Defenders</li> </ul>	<p>The superheroes of the Earth are sitting right within the classroom walls! To better understand the interdependence between humans and the environment, students will have the opportunity to reflect upon their own ecological footprint. From an exciting game involving sea turtle survivorship to an ocean acidification-based experiment, this program will help students identify the ways in which humans impact the global environment.</p>



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## Florida State Science Standards:

Lessons are designed to meet the Florida educational state science standards. Each lesson can be adapted based on individual grade level, student's knowledge, and the teacher's goals.

## Please Note When Visiting Marineland Dolphin Adventure:

- Marineland Dolphin Adventure is an **outdoor** venue. Please consider the weather when planning your visit with us. It is important to make sure children are equipped with proper attire and sunscreen to ensure they have the most valuable learning experience.
  - **Heat:** It is important for students to stay hydrated. We encourage everyone to bring their own water bottle which can be refilled at various water stations at Marineland. Alternatively, water bottles or bottled water can be purchased on site.
  - **Rain:** We will continue our lessons as normal, rain or shine. Some outdoor lessons can be moved to an indoor location depending on your group size and we will work with each group individually based on their needs.
  - **Lightning Warnings:** If there are any lightning strikes within a **5 mile radius** of Marineland, we will move everyone indoors, and any outdoor activities will be postponed. Any Behind the Seas Tours will continue as normal during a lightning warning.
- Restrooms are located in the giftshop where check-in will take place. We strongly encourage that restroom use take place upon arrival.
- Anyone under 3 years of age is free of charge but will need to be supervised throughout your visit.



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## Marineland Dolphin Adventure 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 your arrival so that you may maximize your learning experience at Marineland Dolphin Adventure.

- Standing on chairs or window sills is prohibited. The viewing windows provide excellent opportunities for observing animals in the water. "Kid Zone" platforms allow children to observe the dolphins and the people above the water. Guests should refrain from standing anywhere that may be unsafe for them or the animals.
- When walking around our animal habitats, all guests are required to stay behind the blue line that surrounds the edge of our pools.
- Pictures are allowed throughout our facility, however, cameras or phones must never be held over an animal habitat. Anyone participating in a dolphin interaction must put down all personal items during the program.
- For yours and our dolphins' safety - garbage, rocks, plants, fingers and toes must stay out of the water!
- The toys you may see the dolphins with have been specifically 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 your group should simply expect to observe our dolphins.
- Running and horseplay is prohibited for safety reasons. Likewise, we would ask that all guests stay off 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 Dolphin Adventure is a facility designed to promote humane education. We do this by encouraging compassion and respect for all animals and the environment. We expect the behavior of all our guests, including students, teachers, and chaperones to be aligned with these goals.

**Please call the Education Department at (904) 471-1111 ext. 103 with any additional questions or to reserve your program.**

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