



Information for Chaperones

Welcome! Being a chaperone is a great way to enjoy a visit to the Aquarium, but it is also an important responsibility. As a chaperone you are responsible for a group of children, youths, or adults during their visit to the Aquarium, and you are an essential part of creating a positive experience for all involved.

Tips for Learning

- Encourage your group's exploration with open-ended questions, such as: What do you see? Why do you think that animal acts like that?
- Help participants find answers by looking at the exhibits, reading the written labels and talking with Aquarium Guides in red-colored jackets or dark khaki vests.

Other Information

- Bathrooms are available in numerous locations, including along Hovden Way where you will arrive, near the restaurant, and in other locations marked on the map.
- If a participant gets lost, go to the Information Desk near the Main Entrance. An Ambassador can also provide young children with wristbands on which parents or chaperones can write their name and cell phone number in case children get lost or wander from the group. Our security staff can then call the parents or chaperone.
- If a participant gets injured, ask anyone wearing an Aquarium name badge to call Security and an officer will report to the location of the injured person.
- If your group has planned a picnic lunch, the picnic area is outside near the Recreation Trail and can be reserved upon your arrival at the Aquarium.

Schedule

Arrival time and meeting location

Lunch time and meeting location

Departure time and meeting location



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Behavior Expectations

The Monterey Bay Aquarium is a place of learning, fun and discovery! To make sure that all visitors have a great time at the Aquarium, it is important to abide by these behavior expectations:

- **For groups with children, stay with your group.** Participants and chaperones must stay with their group at all times inside the Aquarium, out on the deck, in all gift and book stores, in the picnic area and in the Aquarium Café.
- **Be courteous and respectful of other visitors.** Talk quietly and walk through the Aquarium; running is not permitted.
- **Use the stairs, leaving elevators available for those who need them.** For the safety of your group, please no playing on the escalator.
- **Be respectful of the Aquarium exhibits and building.** Use books or clipboards to write against instead of walls, windows or exhibit labels. Climbing on exhibits or railings is not allowed.
- **Help care for the animals.** At touch pool areas, touch the animals gently and always keep them under the water. Do not disturb exhibit animals by tapping on the windows. Feeding birds and wildlife is discouraged as this can be harmful to animals.
- **Please turn off your flash when taking photographs inside the Aquarium.** You'll get better photos without your flash – and our animals and other visitors will thank you! You'll find professional photo postcards of many of our animals in our gift and bookstores
- **Keep food, drinks and gum outside the Aquarium.** Free to Learn groups are not allowed to eat sack lunches or drink beverages in the Aquarium, on the benches in front of the Great Tide Pool or on any deck areas. This includes the Aquarium Cafe and the seating area outside the cafe dining room.
- **Please respect our Aquarium neighbors.** If groups are permitted to visit merchants on Cannery Row, please make sure they are accompanied by chaperones and demonstrate appropriate behavior.