



OREGON COAST AQUARIUM

Chaperone Guide Grades K – 2

Dear Teachers:

We are so excited you chose the Oregon Coast Aquarium for your field trip. Use the activities and questions in this book with your students to make the most of your visit. Make a double-sided copy of this guidebook for each of your chaperones prior to the trip so that they may familiarize themselves with the layout of the Aquarium and ideas for interacting with their assigned group of students.

Keep in mind:

- 🦋 Students and chaperones must remain together at all times
- 🦋 Please don't use our tanks as a writing surface – they are easily damaged.
- 🦋 Over 500 different species of animals live here. Please be aware that tapping on the outside of their tanks won't make them come closer; it will probably scare them into hiding.

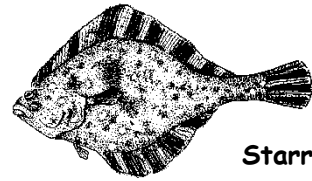
Thank you for coming to the Oregon Coast Aquarium!



Sandy Shores

- ◆ There aren't many places to hide in an open, sandy beach. Many animals have special body shapes or colors to help them hide where they live! Can you find an animal that has **camouflage** like that?

I observed a _____ that looked like _____.
There were _____ (how many?) of these creatures!



Starry Flounder

Rocky Shores

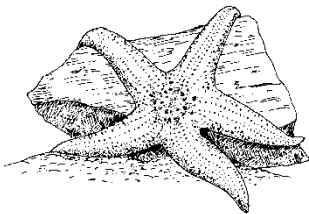
- ★ Touch a sea anemone. How does it feel?

- ★ How many different seastars can you find?

Red _____ Purple _____

Green _____ Pink _____


Draw your favorite animal in Rocky Shores

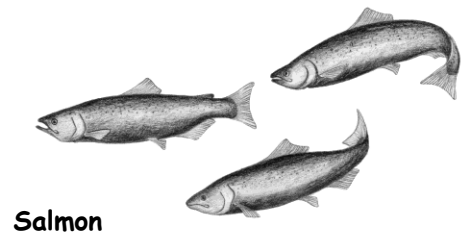


Sea star

Coastal Waters

Draw a picture of a jellyfish

 Find the jellyfish. Watch how they move. Can you move like a jellyfish?!



Swampland

A HABITAT is a place where living things find shelter, a place to live, food, water and air. Choose one animal in Swampland and describe what things it needs to survive in the habitat where it lives.

Animal: _____

Shelter (where do I hide?):

Food (what do I eat?):

Protection (how do I care for myself and my young?):

Draw a picture of your animal

Aviary

Find a quiet spot near one of the pools. Stand quietly and watch the birds.

Can you find:

A bird swimming on top of the water? Under the water?

A bird flying?

A bird walking on land?

A bird taking a bath?

Two birds that look different from each other? What makes them different?



Tufted Puffin

Otters:

- What do you think they eat? Look for clues in the pool!

Marine Mammals



Sea Otter

Seals and Sea Lions:

Seals and sea lions live in the ocean, just like fish, but are mammals like you and me! Look closely to see what makes them different?

Fish breathe with gills!

Fish swim with fins!

Fish rely on the water to stay warm.

Seals and sea lions breathe with _____

Seals and sea lions swim with _____

Seals and sea lions have _____ to stay warm.

Passages of the Deep

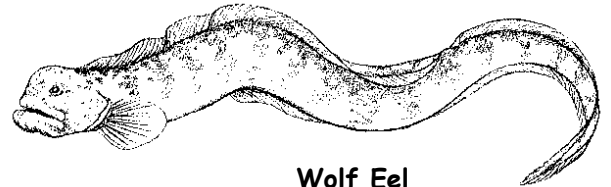
Stop for a moment and sit quietly. Look all around you. Pretend that you are a fish living in the ocean.

What do you see?

Can you hear things under the water?

Where would you get your food?

How would you protect yourself?

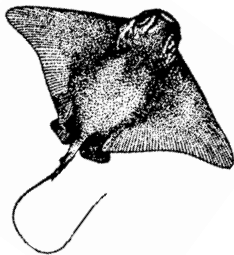


Wolf Eel

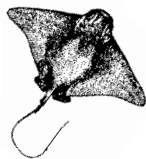
Try this!

Watch the sharks swim through the water. How does their tail move? Can you pretend to be a shark and swim like they do?

Now, watch the rays swim. They have "wings" to "fly" under the water. Can you fly through the water like they do? Are they fast or slow?



Bat Rays



Draw a picture of your favorite fish in these tunnels!

When you get home...

Think about all that you saw, heard and felt at the Oregon Coast Aquarium. Write or tell a short story about what you learned! Some questions to keep in mind are...

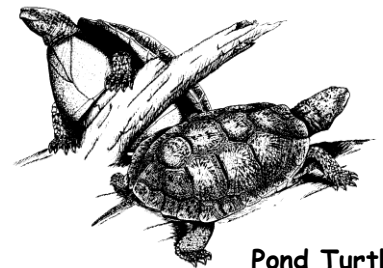
How did the animals move?

What did they eat?

How did they protect themselves?

What was your favorite animal? Why?

What would it be like to live a day in the life of one of these animals?



Pond Turtles

Thanks for visiting us! Come back soon!