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Field Trip Planner

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Ten Years Of Fun



How to get the most out of your Aquarium experience.

This Field Trip Planner is designed to help you plan and conduct a successful, educational field trip.

Checking-in

All groups will need to check-in at the Information desk in the main lobby.

We ask that groups arrive 15 minutes prior to your scheduled entrance time.

Please bring your confirmation letter with you on the day of your visit.

To enable a smooth check-in, please have all payments collected and the total number of chaperones/adults and students counted prior to your arrival. Group reservation numbers can be increased the day of your visit. Any decreases in numbers should be made two business days in advance through the Group Sales office. Office hours are 8:30am – 5:30pm Monday through Friday.

Purchase orders are an acceptable method of payment. Please submit a copy of the PO at the time of the reservation and bring the original with you to present to the Information Desk.

Checks or money orders should be made out to Newport Aquarium. If you are paying with cash, please collect all the money before your arrival. Newport Aquarium accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.

Please note that for every 10 student admissions purchased you will receive 1 complimentary chaperone ticket.

Newport Aquarium requires 1 chaperone for every 10 students. Chaperones in excess of the number required are able to receive the discounted school adult rate.

Please call 859-815-1423, if your group is delayed or running late for any reason. Groups that arrive late and have scheduled experiences may have shortened classes or Behind-the-Scenes Tours, depending on schedule availability.



Chaperones Information

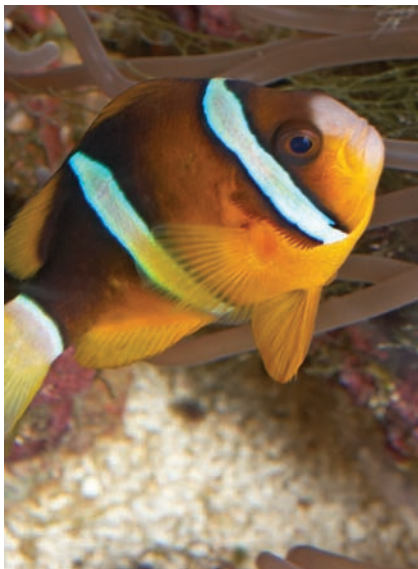
Chaperones are important to making any experience to the Newport Aquarium an Educational Success. It will be important to know when and where to meet for any scheduled programs, lunch, and your return to school. Make sure you learn about the educational goals of the trip and ask the teacher how you can help meet these goals.

Encourage students to listen, ask questions and observe.
Try to involve everyone.

Chaperones please stay with your group at all times and do a head count from time to time.

Have group follow Newport Aquarium animal safety policies.

Ensure that students walk, not run, and use a quiet voice.
Be courteous and respectful of other guests.



Show some school spirit

We suggest that your group has some type of identification system – a uniform, same colored t-shirt, or name tags– that every student/youth wears which clearly shows the school name. Students/adults wearing school sportswear are likely to demonstrate their school pride.

Animal Safety Policies

Help care for the animals. When permitted, touch them gently with two fingers only.

At the touch pools, please do not splash water or take the sharks and other animals out of the water. Cast members will be available at these exhibits to help students.

Food and drinks should be kept in designated areas.

For the well-being of our animals and our guests, there is no smoking inside the building.

Please refrain from tapping on exhibits; the sound travels and disturbs the animals.

For the safety and health of the animals, please keep objects away from railings and open-aired tanks.

Animals are on a strict diet and are to be fed by biologists only. See daily activities schedule for times of tank feedings.



Pre-Planning Visit Pass

To better serve our schools, educators may visit the Newport Aquarium before their scheduled school visit to orient themselves with the Aquarium and prepare for their class visit. Please bring your confirmation letter to the Information Desk to receive your Pre-planning pass(es). You may bring up to 4 educators for a pre-planning visit.



Important Locations

The Information Desk is located in the Main Lobby of the Newport Aquarium. This is where you will check your group in upon arrival.

Guest Relations is located next to the Information Desk in the main lobby; this is where your group can store coats and lunches. Wheelchairs can also be acquired here for use during your visit, free of charge.

Restrooms in the Newport Aquarium are on the exhibit level at the bottom of the entrance escalator, at the entrance to Hidden Treasures of the Rainforest Islands and restrooms are available in the Sharky's Café. There are restrooms located on the plaza of Newport on the Levee to the left of Sweet Dreams Candy Co.

Groups participating in a classroom experience will need to meet in the main lobby 5-10 minutes before their class time. The class instructor will meet the group and escort them to the off-site classroom located in the Gallery Building at Newport on the Levee. (Please be advised that students should dress for the weather.)

Groups that are partaking in a Behind-the-Scenes Tour should meet in the main lobby 5-10 minutes prior to the tour by the Polar Bear mural. A tour guide will greet you there to start your tour.

Lunch Space: Picnic tables are available on the north side of the Newport Aquarium. The tables are available on a first come, first served basis. In the case of inclement weather, off-site lunch space is available on a first come, first served basis. If your group has packed lunches and would like to use the off-site space, please have your group together and let the Information Desk's staff know. A cast member will escort your group to the lunch space. (Please be advised that students should dress for the weather as the off-site lunch space is located in another building.)



Frequently Asked Questions

When is the best time to visit?

Many school groups visit in April and May; availability may be limited. Consider planning a fieldtrip in the fall, early winter, or March, when it tends to be less crowded for programs and space. Visits in the early part of the week (Monday – Wednesday) are usually less crowded.

What kinds of opportunities does Newport Aquarium offer for field trips?

Self-guided Field Trips

Visiting Newport Aquarium on a field trip can be a wonderful experience for students, teachers and chaperones. Newport Aquarium always has more to see and do, whether it's activities in our exhibits or chats with our cast.

Classroom Experiences

Add depth to your field trip by including one of our interactive classroom programs. Classroom programs are offered Monday through Friday. Programs can last anywhere from 30 to 45 minutes depending on your class choice. All programs are held in an off-site classroom space that is within walking distance of the Aquarium. Please have students dress for the weather when participating in a classroom experience.

Is the Newport Aquarium open in bad weather?

Newport Aquarium is open rain or shine! Newport Aquarium opens daily at 10am.

Does Newport Aquarium have a cancellation policy?

Yes. We ask to be notified as soon as possible for any cancellations. Lunch cancellations need to be made 48 hours in advance. If your group is already pre-paid, we can only reschedule your visit.

Do you offer disability access?

Our building has been designed to provide full access and quality experiences for special needs visitors.

Do you have wheelchairs?

We have wheelchairs that are available for use free of charge while visiting the Newport Aquarium.

Can I take photos?

Yes. Flash photography is allowed in most galleries. Certain tanks, where flash can not be used, will be marked. Disposable cameras, film, and batteries are available in our Gift Shop. Any commercial use of still motion pictures taken at Newport Aquarium without written consent is prohibited.

Can I leave the Newport Aquarium and return the same day?

Of course, just be sure to keep your ticket stub.

Do you have a Lost & Found?

Newport Aquarium maintains a Lost & Found in Guest Relations located in the main lobby. If you need to contact the Lost & Found regarding a missing item, please call 859-815-1417.

What about First Aid?

We have a First Aid station located in the main lobby. If someone is in need of First Aid please let a cast member know and someone will come to you with a mobile First Aid kit.

Where can I buy souvenirs?

Souvenir bags can be pre-ordered by calling the Group Sales Department at 859-815-1423. The Newport Aquarium Gift Shop is located at the end of the Aquarium tour.

Do you have a "Lost Child" policy in place?

Yes, we have a strict policy in place. Please report any missing child to the nearest cast member.

Do you post feeding times?

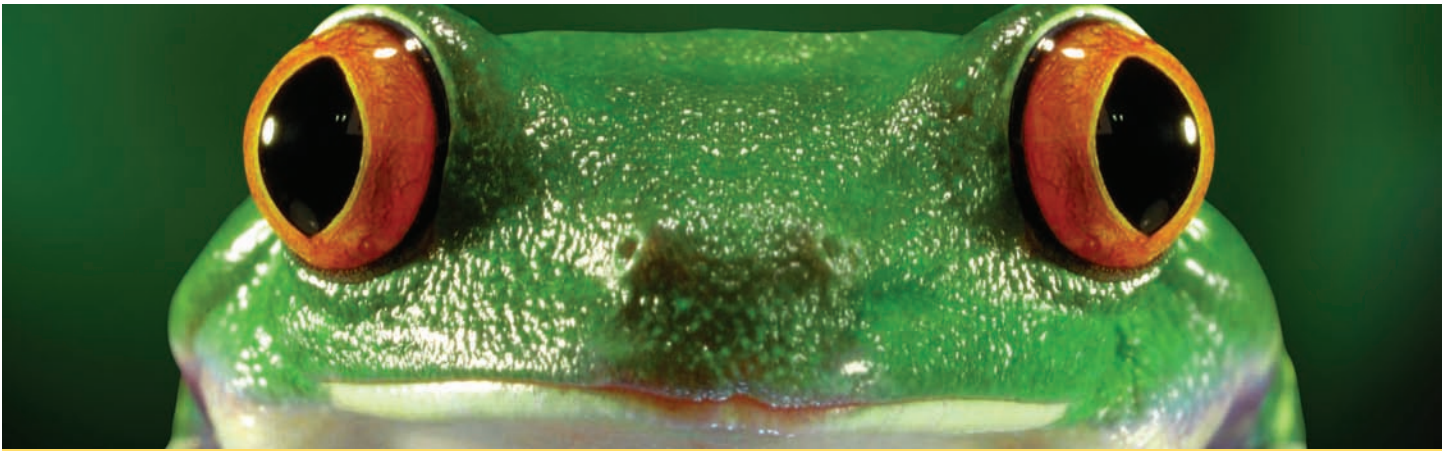
Check the flat screen TVs throughout the exhibits for the daily presentation schedule. Enhance your visit by viewing a Dive Show (Thursday-Sunday), animal presentations and animal feedings. Please feel free to look for Aquarium cast members to answer questions and provide information about the exhibits.

How long does a visit take?

We recommend 2 to 2½ hours to tour the exhibits.

(Keep in mind if you are participating in an Education Program or having lunch this will add to your visit time.)





Lunch Information

For ease during your visit, we encourage you to pre-order boxed lunches from our Sharky's Cafe. This program will save your group time and avoid the hassle of collecting and redistributing your group's lunches during the visit.

Please remember to place your lunch order 7 days prior to the date of your visit by calling 859-815-1423. We ask that any changes to your lunch order be made 48 hours in advance.

Please be advised that Sharky's Café seating is limited and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Serving times may be staggered for groups of 50 or more.

Some of our lunch options may contain nuts; please note any food allergies when you place your lunch order.

Lunch times are scheduled on the half hour daily.

If your group has packed lunches and would like to use our off-site lunch space please have your group together and let the Information Desk's cast know. A cast member will escort your group to the lunch space. (Please be advised that students should dress for the weather.)

Lunch space is sometimes unavailable. We will do our best to accommodate your group. There could be a wait for large groups. We suggest groups of 50 or more eat in shifts.

Prior to your arrival, please put group lunches together in a plastic bag or cardboard box and label them with your school name. This will save your group valuable time.

Upon arrival, the group leader will be directed to Guest Relations to store the lunches.

In warmer weather, picnic tables are available on the north side of the Newport Aquarium. The tables are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Weather

If your group is unable to travel to Newport Aquarium due to extreme weather conditions, please call the Group Sales department at 859-815-1423 as soon as possible. We will make every effort to reschedule your visit on the next date of your choice, based on availability.



Finstitute Classroom Experiences

Book your fieldtrip to the Newport Aquarium and take advantage of this exciting educational program. When booking your field trip, you now have two options to choose from: a self-guided tour or a classroom experience.

Choose from the following lessons, all aligned with Kentucky, Ohio and National Science Educations Standards.

Fabulous Frogs* (Grades PreK-5)

Discover the many aspects of frogs, their relatives and why they are so important to our environment.

Key Learning Highlights

- Amphibians
- Adaptations
- Life cycles
- Conservation

Scales & Tails* (Grades PreK-12)

Get an up-close peek at a variety of reptiles, amphibians and more.

Key Learning Highlights

- Adaptations
- Habitats
- Diets
- Hands-on animal encounters

All About Penguins (Grades K-5)**

Discover one of the most unique groups of animals in the world: Penguins!

Key Learning Highlights

- Penguin characteristics
- Bird adaptations
- Habitat
- Conservation

What You Otter Know (Grades 1-5)**

Explore the world of otters.

- Adaptations
- Training
- Conservation

Incredible Invertebrates* (Grades 1-5)

From insects and spiders to sea stars and jellyfish, uncover a world unlike any other.

- Adaptations
- Habitats
- Conservation

Surrounded by Sharks (Grades 3-8)

Reveal the truth behind the most misunderstood animals in the ocean.

Key Learning Highlights

- Myth versus fact
- Bony fish versus shark
- Characteristics and adaptations
- Hands-on lab experience

Sea Turtles* (Grades 3-8)

Understand the characteristics and conservation techniques of sea turtles.

Key Learning Highlights

- Characteristics and adaptations
- Tracking techniques
- Conservation

Wild About Water (Grades 3-8)

Find out why water is so important in every aspect of the environment.

Key Learning Highlights

- Water Cycle
- Salinity, temperature, pH
- Conservation
- Hands-on lab experience

Scuba Science (Grades 3-8)

Dive into the science behind SCUBA.

Key Learning Highlights

- Animal buoyancy control
- Diver buoyancy control
- Dive equipment

Career Talks (Grades 7-12)

Learn what it takes to become a biologist and explore the diverse career opportunities available in an aquarium.

Key Learning Highlights

- Career opportunities in an aquarium
- Behind the scenes tour

Additional Experiences

Overnight Adventure Program

The Overnight Adventure Program lets you spend the night with over 55 sharks and thousands of aquatic animals, so bring your sleeping bag along with your curiosity. Minimum of 50 people.

Behind-the-Scenes Tours

Gain an exclusive peek into what it takes to maintain “a million gallons of fun” at the Newport Aquarium with a Behind-the-Scenes Tour. You’ll see everything – from the animals that need special care to the experts who feed them. From the divers who clean the tank to the engineers who keeps the water running. Each tour lasts 45 minutes and can accommodate a maximum of 15 people.

Breakfast with the Penguins or Sharks

Breakfast with the Penguins or Sharks are booked as a combination of early admission to the Aquarium, a delicious breakfast buffet in Sharky’s Cafe and self-guided viewing of the exhibits – all prior to our normal opening hours.

For more information on these or any of our experiences, please call 859-815-1423.

Prom or Formal Dance

Currents Ballroom at Newport Aquarium is the area’s newest unique venue for your Prom or Homecoming. How about an evening underwater? Call 859-815-1427 for more information.

*Live animals may be present during these programs.

**Live penguins and otters will not be present.

Parking Information

Onsite bus parking is not available.

Please make sure your buses use the Bus Parking Pass included in your confirmation packet.

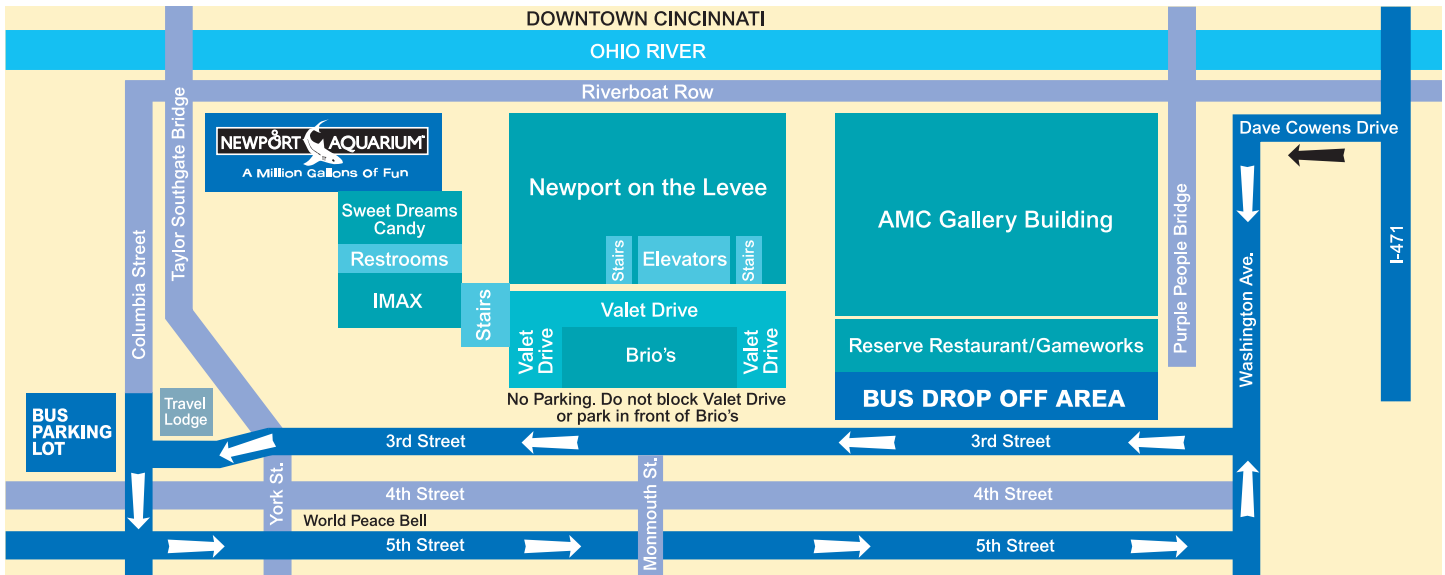
Bus parking is conveniently located two blocks from the Newport Aquarium.

Newport Aquarium only pays for bus parking and suggests that cars and vans park in the Newport on the Levee parking garage.

The average parking rate is \$3 to \$5.

(Parking rates are subject to change, please call Parking Solutions at 859-291-4624)

Group Bus Parking Passes must be dropped in the honor box at the bus lot on the corner of 4th & Columbia for parking to be paid for by the Newport Aquarium. Please make sure you have filled out the back of the pass before you drop it in.



All busses dropping off group and school guests for Newport Aquarium must do so on E. 3rd Street (between Monmouth & Saratoga Street) in front of Gameworks and The Reserve Restaurant (before Brio). Pull up to the curb as far West as possible without blocking the valet exit.

Once dropped off, guests will walk along the valet drive to the stairs or elevators and proceed to the River Walk Level. The aquarium is to the left of Barnes and Noble.

To Park Bus:

Continue on 3rd St. to left turn on Columbia (far left lane)
Bus parking is located in the lot on the corner of Columbia & 4th St.

To Pick Up Group After Visit:

Turn right out of parking lot on Columbia St.
Turn left onto 5th St.
Turn left onto Washington St.
At light turn left onto E. 3rd

From Columbus and North:

- I-71 South to I-471 South
- Newport Exit #5 (Route 8/Dave Cowens Drive)
- Turn left onto Washington and right onto E. 3rd St.
- Drop off at curb, in front of The Reserve Restaurant

From Dayton and North:

- I-75 South
- Take the I-71 North / I-471 South / US-50 East exit from the left lane
- Take I-471 South to Newport Exit #5 (Route 8 / Dave Cowens Drive)
- Turn left onto Washington and right onto E. 3rd St.
- Drop off at curb, in front of The Reserve Restaurant

From Indianapolis and West:

- I-74 East to I-75 South
- Take the I-71 North / I-471 South / US-50 East exit from the left lane
- Take I-471 South to Newport Exit #5 (Route 8 / Dave Cowens Drive)
- Turn left onto Washington and right onto E. 3rd St.
- Drop off at curb, in front of The Reserve Restaurant

From Kentucky, Airport, and South:

- I-71/75 North to I-275 East / Columbus
- I-275 East to I-471 North
- Take I-471 South to Newport Exit #5 (Route 8 / Dave Cowens Drive)
- Turn left onto Washington and right onto E. 3rd St.
- Drop off at curb, in front of The Reserve Restaurant

From the East:

- I-275 West to I-471 North
- Newport Exit #5 (Route 8 / Dave Cowens Drive)
- Turn left onto Washington and right onto E. 3rd St.
- Drop off at curb, in front of The Reserve Restaurant

From Covington 5th St. Exit:

- Follow 5th St. through Covington and across the Licking River.
- Continue on 5th St. to left turn on Washington.
- Turn left at light onto E. 3rd Street.
- Drop off at curb, front of The Reserve Restaurant