

# WAIKĪKĪ AQUARIUM

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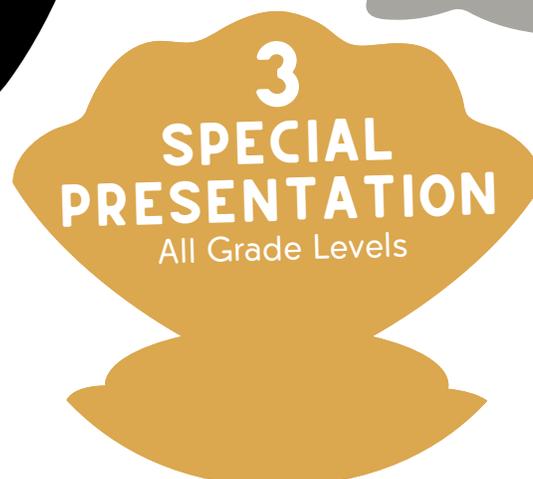


# ALOHA TEACHERS!

The Waikiki Aquarium is now officially taking reservations for the 2026 school year.

We thank you for your patience with a later start in our reservation process this year as we are in a period of program development and growth, and are very excited to host your students at the aquarium!

Please see below for our program options on what would best suit your class visit!



# DOCENT PROGRAM & GUIDED TOUR

**Docent Guided Program:** a 75-minute program led by staff and trained volunteer docents. It features a 30 minute interactive classroom presentation followed by a 45 minute guided tour of Aquarium habitats focused on the presentation theme. Teacher information packets include a presentation outline. There is a **\$60 fee** for each program. Fees may be paid on arrival by credit card, check, cash, or purchase order.

## GRADE LEVEL THEMES



### **Kindergarten - Observations: Roles in the Reef**

Students will explore the wonderful residents of the reef and how they play a role in their community through hands-on activities.



### **1st Grade - Animal Diversity: Aquatic Adaptations**

Students will delve into the amazing adaptations that animals on the coral reef have to protect themselves and their ecosystem.



### **2nd Grade - Hawaiian Habitats: Sand to Sea**

The Hawaiian shoreline and reef habitats are shaped by the tides, waves, and other conditions. Students will learn how animal and plant adaptations are shaped by the habitats they reside in.



### **3rd Grade - Interactions: Helping Habitats**

People are doing amazing things for our animals and plants each and every day. Students will learn about various ways they can become habitat heroes in their daily lives!



### **4th Grade - Hawaiians and the Sea**

The early Hawaiian people used the sea for food, medicine, materials, and tools. They also practiced conservation ethics that are relevant today.



### **5th Grade - Food Webs: Connecting Corals**

Ecosystems like the coral reef are able to host a large diversity of different kinds of life because of the connections these living things make. Students will investigate these food webs and learn how they keep the ocean healthy.



# SELF GUIDED TOURS

**Self Guided Tours:** Teachers of all grade levels, from preschool through college and beyond, may make reservations for one-hour, self-guided tours of the Aquarium's exhibits as a way to enrich classroom lesson plans, work on special projects, and broaden students' experience.



# SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

**Special Presentations:** Presentations are offered for all grade levels including high school, college, adult education and community organizations as staffing and aquarium classrooms permit. Presentations vary from 30 minutes to an hour and may be followed by a self-guided tour of the exhibits. The Aquarium classroom can accommodate up to 40 students. Program fees for presentations begin at **\$60**, depending on the presentation and preparation time. Separate admission fees may apply.

# RESERVATION PROCESS

**Reservations are now open!**

Please call our reservation team at **(808) 440-9011** on weekdays between 8:00am - 3:30pm.

When you call, please have the following information checklist ready:

- Type of program**
- Choice of dates and times**
- School or Organization name**
- Contact's name, phone number, email**
- Grade level**
- Number of students**
- Number of adults**



# PROGRAM CALENDAR

PROGRAM	DATES	DAYS	TIME	GROUP SIZE	FEE
<b>Docent Guided Program</b>	January 1 <sup>st</sup> - May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00-10:15 10:00-11:15	40 students per class	\$60 & Students free
<b>Self-Guided Tour</b>	Year round	Monday - Friday	9:00-4:00	40 students per group	Students free
<b>Special Presentation</b>	Variable	Variable	Variable	Variable	\$60+

## PLEASE NOTE

Student Supervision is **required**. Required chaperones are free of charge.

### Ratios:

- Pre-K - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: One free chaperone admission per five students
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and up: One free chaperone admission per ten students

Legally required aides for special needs students are also free.

Additional adults are \$6.00 each

There is no admission charge for Hawaii school group students with required chaperones and prior reservations.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE  
**WAIKIKI AQUARIUM!**

