










North Carolina Aquarium **at Pine Knoll Shores**

...Journey from the Mountains to the Sea

PLAN YOUR VISIT

We hope you are excited about your visit to the NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores! We know this journey will help your students to explore the diversity of North Carolina's aquatic resources—from the mountains to the sea.

We hope this information will help you to plan a successful and unforgettable field trip for your students. **Please read closely and adhere to the following suggestions as you plan and prepare for your visit.**

-  Have you **planned sufficient travel time** for your visit? Due to the popularity of our Aquarium, it is important that you arrive on time. We have many groups attending and if you are late, your visit may be cut short.
-  If you registered for a **TEACHER-LED TOUR**, make sure your teachers and chaperones have been advised of their responsibilities during the visit.
-  **Adult responsibilities throughout your visit include:** keeping the group together and on task, escorting the students through our many galleries and engaging the students in dialogs to discuss what they are seeing, reading and explaining exhibit texts and graphics and assisting with activities or programs as needed.
-  Are your students identified with **nametags**? Please make sure that your group is identified with each child and adult chaperone wearing a nametag. You may use a simple nametag or computer label.
-  Are your students participating in one of our fun scavenger hunts? If they have worksheets they are using during their visit, please do not allow students to write against walls, exhibits or tank windows.
-  Students may visit the Aquarium Gift Shop after they tour the aquarium. There is a separate sheet in this packet that describes the **Gift Shop Policies**. Please review those with the students, AND adults in your group.
-  Are your **students properly representing your school**? We hope so! Behaviors such as running, shouting or improper conduct take away from everyone's experience. Please discuss this with your students before entering the facility.
-  Food, drinks, candy and electronics are for use **OUTSIDE** the facility only.
-  **Help us care for our animals!** Tapping on the glass of exhibits or throwing objects into the open tanks can be harmful and cause stress on the animals. Please discourage this behavior with your students before their visit.