Discovery Labs

Ages 4–5:
10 students minimum/16 maximum, two programs minimum
Grades K–2:
20 students minimum/25 maximum
Grades 3–12:
20 students minimum/36 maximum

Instructor-led, hands-on programs in one of our classrooms are available weekdays. Aquarium admission included in program fee. Visit aquarium.ucsd.edu for program descriptions. Discovery Labs run September 28, 2015 to June 7, 2016.

Start times:
9:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 12:30 p.m.
September – February
March – June

Ages 4–5:
$7.50/student
Grades K–12:
$8.25/student

Beach Teaches: Beach Investigation or Tidepooling
Grades 1–12:
20 students minimum/36 students maximum
Two-hour exploration with Birch Aquarium at Scripps educators on the beach at the Matlahuayl State Marine Reserve (La Jolla Shores). Select dates only, program subject to tides and weather. Call 858-534-7336 or visit aquarium.ucsd.edu to see available dates.

September – June
Grades 1–12:
$11.25/student

Note: Beach Teaches meet at La Jolla Shores. Same-day aquarium admission add-on is $6/student.

Self-Guided Visits
Explore Birch Aquarium at your own pace without structured programming. Offered daily, year-round, during regular aquarium hours. Registration is required. Enhance your aquarium experience with Self-Guided Exploration Flip Cards, available online or from the information booth in the Galleria.

September – February
March – August
Age 4–Grade 12:
$7/student
Grades K–12:
$8/student

Playgroup:
$8.25/parent-toddler pair
Playgroup:
$10/parent-toddler pair

Chaperone Rates
Free admission is provided to all accompanying teachers, aids, or nurses that must be in attendance on your trip. In addition, Birch Aquarium offers free admission to chaperones within our recommended ratios:
Ages 4–5: one chaperone per two students (1:2)
Grades K–12: one chaperone per five students (1:5)
Additional chaperones over the allotted amount are $14 per person.

School Programs: Onsite
Exploring the Science of Our Oceans & Earth
Fall 2015 – Spring 2016
online: aquarium.ucsd.edu
REGISTER NOW
By phone: 858-534-7336
8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. daily
Dear Educators,

Welcome to the 2015–16 school year and programming offered by Birch Aquarium at Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego.

We are dedicated to providing interactive and hands-on programming that connects your students to the ocean, Earth, and atmosphere while developing critical-thinking skills. Whether through a Discovery Lab program at the aquarium, a Beach Teach at nearby tide pools, or an Aquarium Express Outreach at your school, our experienced aquarium educators bring you standards-aligned activities that support your classroom curriculum.

This year, we are excited about the establishment of the Price Philanthropies Ocean Science Education Fund, dedicated to providing hands-on ocean science education to up to 14,000 underserved students annually in our community. Read more in this brochure about how you can receive support for the aquarium to visit your classroom in the Aquarium Express Outreach section.

If you have any questions, please contact us at birchaquariumprograms@ucsd.edu or call 858-534-7336. Sincerely,

Emily Arnold
School Programs Manager, Birch Aquarium at Scripps

INTRODUCING 
BEACH SCIENCE

Through the Price Philanthropies Ocean Science Education Fund, we have developed a new standards-aligned program for underserved 5th-grade students that brings them to the ocean to conduct Beach Science research. Learn more about how you can participate in this innovative program by visiting aquarium.ucsd.edu.

Register online: aquarium.ucsd.edu

Programs at a glance

Find the perfect hands-on learning experience for your students with one of 30-, 50-, or 60-minute Discovery Labs. Unit programs and dates for a detailed description of each program.

Aquarium Express Outreach

The Aquarium Express can travel to your school, bringing with it the wonders of the ocean, Earth, and atmosphere. Students will experience a variety of hands-on programs, all in the comfort of their own classrooms.

Our classroom-based Discovery Labs come to your school, allowing you to choose the dates that fit your classroom curriculum.

Through the generosity of Price Philanthropies and other donors, the Price Philanthropies Ocean Science Education Fund has been established to increase access to hands-on ocean science education by delivering our Aquarium Express Outreach programs directly to the schools in our community that need it the most.

Visit the aquarium free of charge before your scheduled Aquarium Express Outreach support.

Financial Aid Available

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Free Pre-Visit for Teachers

Visit the aquarium free of charge before your scheduled field trip! Teachers must show school ID. Accompanying assistance may be added by calling 858-534-7336. Teachers can register online at aquarium.ucsd.edu.

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