

## School Programs Contract

Use this check list to prepare for your free School Program field trip/s. Please return it to Jaime Thom by email or fax no later than 1 month before your trip/s.

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Lead Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Lead Teacher's Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_ Reservation #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date/s of Field Trip: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Level: \_\_\_\_\_

Aquarium Arrival Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Latest Aquarium Departure Time: \_\_\_\_\_

\*This will be used to figure out program times if you arrive late.

Program Time/s: \_\_\_\_\_

- I have received permission from my school/district to bring my students to the South Carolina Aquarium.
- I have secured transportation for our field trip to the Aquarium and we will be travelling by (school bus, charter bus, car,...): \_\_\_\_\_
- My final number counts for students, teachers and chaperones are as follows. If this number changes by **more than just a couple**, I will inform Jaime Thom. If you are coming more than 2 days, please put numbers to the side.

Date 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Date 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Students: \_\_\_\_\_

Students: \_\_\_\_\_

Teachers: \_\_\_\_\_

Teachers: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperones: \_\_\_\_\_

Chaperones: \_\_\_\_\_

- If adding extra chaperones above the 1:6 free ratio, I will call Jaime to arrange payment after faxing/emailing this form.
- All science teachers bringing their students have attended or will attend a Teacher Workshop.
- I have read the Behavior Agreement (on page 2) and will inform all teachers, chaperones and students of the rules. All parties must agree to abide by Aquarium rules.
- We understand the inherent risk of exposure to COVID-19 exists in any public place where people are present. COVID-19 is a contagious disease that can lead to severe illness and death. By visiting the South Carolina Aquarium, we voluntarily assume all risks related to exposure to COVID-19.

This form is due no later than 1 month before your school program field trip/s as well as an arranged payment of extra chaperones if that applies to your trip. By signing this form, you agree to all payment, reservation, and behavioral requirements. Please sign on the line below and email, fax or mail this page to Jaime Thom.

X \_\_\_\_\_

Signature

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name

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## Behavior Agreement

The South Carolina Aquarium is a place where small children, students, and adults come to explore, to discover, and to learn about the diverse aquatic habitats of South Carolina. To make your visit as meaningful and enjoyable as possible, please discuss the following with your students and chaperones before they visit the Aquarium.

### For Students

We agree to the following:

- We will stay with our chaperones at all times!
- We will share the Aquarium with other students, schools, and visitors by treating all with courtesy and respect.
- We will watch our distance to other visitors during Covid-19, making sure to give everyone space to feel comfortable.
- We understand that the Aquarium is a place of exploration, discovery, and learning. We will not use loud voices, run, climb on exhibits, chew gum, or drink inside the Aquarium.
- We will help to keep the animals safe and healthy. We will not scare them, touch them roughly or tap on the windows.
- We will not feed the birds on the Riverside Terrace or in Liberty Square Park.
- We will use the stairs and the escalator and will not play on either. We will reserve the elevator for guests with strollers and for anyone that might have difficulty traveling through the Aquarium.
- We understand that any person who breaks an item in the Aquarium's Gift Shop will be required to pay for the item.

### For Parent Chaperones

We agree to the following:

- I understand that I am responsible for remaining with my group and monitoring the students at all times while touring the Aquarium.
- I understand that only students and teachers are allowed in the classrooms during the program. I will enjoy the Aquarium and plan to meet the group once the classroom program is over.

### For Teachers/Leaders

- When involved in a program or educational activity, I will refrain from behavior that may distract the students, such as talking on a cell phone or to another teacher.
- Since Aquarium staff is responsible for teaching, I will be responsible for assisting students with dietary needs, bathroom breaks, and any other need that may arise.
- I will do my best to ensure no student is left alone in any situation.
- We confirm that no one in our party has been exposed to a positive COVID-19 case within 5 days of our field trip and no one in our party is exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms.

I have read the Behavior Agreement to my group and accept responsibility for their behavior in the South Carolina Aquarium. I understand that my group will first be given a verbal warning if the Behavior Agreement is broken. If my group does not heed the warning, I understand that we will be asked to leave the Aquarium. Further, I understand that I will not be allowed to bring any other students to the Aquarium for a full year. I am also aware that my administrator will be contacted and that any other groups from my school will require an increased ratio of 1:5 chaperone/student.