

Outreach Programs for Early Learners

The Seacoast Science Center makes science come alive for your students!



The Seacoast Science Center can bring unique nature programs right to your classroom! Whether you choose a program to kick-off or enhance your lesson, or you would like to add an exciting special event to your schedule, your students are ensured a memorable experience that sparks their curiosity about the world around them. Our early childhood naturalists encourage children to observe and handle live animals (except for *All About Whales*) and actively engage them in discovery through activities, stories and crafts. Schedule one of our popular programs listed below or call today to discuss custom options.

The North American Lobster

Lobster are mysterious looking creatures that live on the ocean floor. Once you learn about them, they are not so scary! In this program children will learn how lobsters move, how they use their big claws to eat, how they protect themselves and how fishermen catch them.

Raspberry the Box Turtle

This program is a favorite! Box turtles have a carapace with a hinged bottom, allowing them to draw their body inside and “close the door!” But Raspberry is bright, alert and loves to open his shell and walk around for children to observe.

Indoor Tide Pooling

How does a sea star eat? Where do urchins live? How do crabs crawl? Why do snails have “trap doors?” During this program, children will observe and touch several different intertidal animals. Games, activities and role-playing will reinforce learning.

Hermit Crabs

Hermit crabs are fascinating creatures! When they outgrow the shell they are living in, they have to leave it and find a bigger one. What do you think a hermit crab looks like without a shell?

Earth Worms

They are wiggly and slimy and they are one of the most important animals in the world. Why are worms so important? Learn about the life cycle of the worm and how they survive the winter. Get a close up view of a worm through a magnifying glass. At the end of the program we will release the worms in your school’s garden, weather permitting.

All About Whales

How big do whales get? What kinds of whales live near us? Why do some whales have teeth and others have baleen? *All About Whales* teaches children about these enormous, fascinating marine mammals. Hear the life story of Tofu, a young humpback whale who lived right here in the Gulf of Maine. Students will participate in hands-on activities, including testing the effects of a blubber-glove and touching real whale bones.

Program Cost: Programs are 1 hour in length, for a classroom size group (up to 25 students), and cost \$150 plus mileage. Two 1/2 hour programs may be offered if you prefer to have your students in smaller group sizes. A discount will be applied if you schedule multiple programs; please inquire.

To Schedule Your Program: Contact Sarah at 603-436-8043, ext. 20 or email registrar@seacentr.org



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