

# MAUI OCEAN CENTER

*Our Mission: To foster understanding, wonder and respect for Hawaii's marine life.*

## THINGS TO KNOW BEFORE

At the Maui Ocean Center, we have learned planning is crucial to a successful field trip to the Aquarium. Please see below tips for increasing student learning and participation:

- Provide your students the overall plan for their field trip prior to arrival
- Students familiar with the setting and goals for a field trip tend to be better behaved and engaged
- Let the students and chaperones know when they should expect to arrive, to have lunch and to depart
- Let them know what programs they will be participating in and the types of activities they will be doing at the Aquarium
- We recommend not taking time to visit the gift shop. Rather we encourage school groups to focus on the park and the unique experiences they can share and learn together.
- Review the Chaperone Agreement with your escorts before they arrive to ensure students get the most from a field trip
- Chaperones are your primary facilitators for an enhanced learning experience, so choose them wisely
- Encourage your chaperones to review and become familiar with the latest Aquarium map, our marine life and teacher resources pages (<http://mauioceancenter.com/teacher-resources> and <http://mauioceancenter.com/hawaiis-marine-life/>)
- Foster conversations and focused observations at the exhibits with open-ended questions ("What do you see? Why do you think that animal behaves that way?") that encourage students to look closely and interact
- Provide students a field trip follow-up once back at school. It is important to do an activity or discuss their experience at the Aquarium. This serves as an assessment of knowledge acquired and provides direction on what content to focus on back in the classroom.

## PLANNING YOUR TRIP

Call 808.270.7075 to schedule school field trips.

- To be eligible for field trip rates, visits by a school group must be in conjunction with a regularly scheduled class as required by school curriculum, in which the students receive a grade or academic credit.
- For best date availability, especially during peak seasons, we recommend arranging your trip several weeks in advance.
- When you schedule your school's visit, you can choose additional options including lunch and/or a guided tour with a knowledgeable marine naturalist. Additional fees will apply.
- Arrival times for school groups are between 9am and 3pm.

## CLASSROOM RESOURCES AND ACTIVITIES

See below additional free resources to use before, during and after your visit.

[Preschool Field Trip Worksheet](#)

[Kindergarten Field Trip Worksheet](#)

[First Grade Field Trip Worksheet](#)

[Second Grade Field Trip Worksheet](#)

[Third Grade Field Trip Worksheet](#)

[Fourth Grade Field Trip Worksheet](#)

[Fifth Grade Field Trip Worksheet](#)

[Sixth Grade Field Trip Worksheet](#)

[Seventh Grade Field Trip Worksheet](#)

[Eighth Grade Field Trip Worksheet](#)

[School Group- Petroglyph Activity](#)



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