

Disney Youth Education Series

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Disney's Animal Kingdom® Theme Park and *The Seas with Nemo & Friends* at Epcot® are both accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums.



The Seas at Epcot® is accredited by the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums.

“MAKING WAVES WITH A MARINE CAREER”

LEADERSHIP & CAREERS

Grade Levels/Ages:
9th-12th, ages 14-18

Program Length:
3 hours

This program is aligned with National Standards.

OBJECTIVE

Enhance students' awareness and knowledge of career opportunities in the marine science field, while showcasing skills needed for a career in the marine profession.

KEY LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Marine Mammal Trainer

Students learn about the challenges and rewards of working with marine animals.

- Students learn the animal training process.
- Students come to understand the scope of day-to-day responsibilities of marine mammal trainers, including food preparation, training, husbandry and marine mammal rehabilitation.
- Students understand the educational background and experience needed to work with these fascinating animals.

Marine Researcher

Students come to know the important role that research plays in any marine facility.

- Students learn how research helps manage and protect marine species.
- Students learn about the different research projects currently taking place at *The Seas with Nemo and friends*.
- Students participate in an observational research activity.

Water Sciences

Students understand the role chemistry plays in marine life management.

- Students visit *The Seas with Nemo and friends* Water Science facility and learn about the integral role that water quality plays in the health of marine animals.



Disney Youth Education Series programs are accredited by the Northwest Accreditation Commission.

Meeting Location:

(Morning) Outside Epcot® Park, Main Entrance, near the flagpole.

(Afternoon) Inside Epcot® Park, in front of *The Seas* with Nemo and friends.

Aquarist

Students discover that the role of the aquarist is truly diverse.

- Students come to understand the scope of day-to-day responsibilities for the aquarist, including feeding fish, observing behavior, monitoring health, and rehabilitating endangered species.
- Students understand the educational background and experience needed to work in an aquarium setting.

Veterinarian

- Marine Veterinary science is a rapidly expanding field. Each day, we learn new innovative methods to care for marine life, and students learn about some of these new methods including the new types of surgery that can now be performed on fish.
- Students also learn about the vital role veterinarians play in the care and health of our animals.
- Students participate in a hands on veterinary based activity.

The Wrap-Up

- Students discover how education plays a vital role in the marine conservation field.
- Students learn about the advanced internship program available at *The Seas with Nemo and friends*.

THE DISNEY DIFFERENCE

- Students get a behind-the-scenes look at the diverse careers necessary to provide excellence in marine animal care.
- The program is designed to spark new directions of thought and inspire students to become conservationists in their own communities.
- Trained and knowledgeable Epcot® *The Seas with Nemo and Friends* Educators and marine biologists facilitate this high quality and educationally sound program, while including the fun that is a vital part of learning.

All programs subject to availability. Program content, times, attractions, and locations subject to change due to inclement weather, availability, or group dynamics. During the program, there will be no opportunity to touch dolphins, manatees, or sharks.

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