



Chaperone Agreement

Dear Chaperone,

Thank you for choosing to spend the day with your child's group. We hope that you have a wonderful time! You are very important to the success of their field trip to the aquarium today. Your role as a chaperone is essential to creating a positive experience for all and it is important for you to know your responsibilities during your visit.

NOTE: *Each Chaperone must bring a signed copy of this Agreement with you for admission to the aquarium.* Thank you.

As a chaperone you agree to the following:

- **Stay with the students that are assigned to you and keep them together at all times. (You should have a maximum of 8 students assigned to you.)** Once inside park (after your orientation) please ensure each group of 8 knows who they are assigned to, where to start the tour, and how to rotate to the next planned area. Spending 5-10 min at a time in each area will avoid congestion.
- **Be sure you understand the plan / itinerary for the day. Check with the lead teacher/organizer and get a clear picture of the day. You should know where to start your group on a tour, where and when you are meeting for lunch, the various presentation times, and time of departure.**
- **Your chaperone name badge should be visible at all times for both the students as well as the MOC staff.**
- **Assist the students in exploring the aquarium together, asking students questions like "What do you see?", or "Why do you think that animal acts or looks like that?" Also, feel free to ask our naturalists questions that will engage your group.**
- **Show by example how to respect the animals. (Only where posted)- touch gently with one or two fingers. Avoid taking them out of the water, disturbing them by tapping on the exhibit tank windows or shouting in exhibit areas.**
- **Make sure your students behave appropriately, show respect for the animals, other visitors, and displays by not banging or pulling on knobs, buttons, or signage. DO NOT allow your students to yell, run or climb on exhibits.**
- **If you choose to go into the retail store, YOU must accompany students in the store with a 3:1 ratio.**
- **Please use books or clipboards as writing surfaces and NOT write against walls, windows, or exhibits.**
- **During lunch- be careful of the wind and make sure all our rubbish ends up in the trash or recycle cans. Be mindful that plastic items can blow into our outdoor exhibits or into the near by harbor that cause harm to the animals and marine environment.**

Chaperone Signature _____ Date: _____