

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Swim with the Fishes**

#### **Where does the Swim with the Fishes program take place?**

You will be diving in our Coral Reef exhibit, the largest exhibit at The Florida Aquarium. This exhibit is about 12 feet deep where you will be swimming, and overall holds 500,000 gallons of natural sea water. Our Coral Reef serves as home to more than 2,000 fish, representing over 50 species. You will easily see colorful angelfish, parrotfish, wrasse, grunts, and surgeonfish, but southern sting rays, spiny lobsters, filefish, pufferfish and many others also inhabit our reef waiting to be discovered!

#### **Who can sign up?**

Anyone ages 6 years old and up can participate in the program. However, swimmers aged 6-8 years old must be accompanied in water by an adult.

#### **Is the swim safe?**

Of course! Our animals are not aggressive and are acclimated to having divers in their home every day. Additionally, all of our dive team members are trained in CPR, first aid and emergency oxygen administration.

#### **How long is the swim?**

You will spend 20 minutes in water, but the program overall will take about 45 minutes, including a gear briefing and time for changing before and after the dive.

#### **I have family and friends that want to watch me swim, is that possible?**

Family members and friends will be able to watch you swim from the Coral Reef gallery. They will be escorted to the best viewing location prior to your splashing in the Coral Reef.

#### **What is included in the program?**

The program includes the swim and Aquarium admission. Aquarium admission is required for all guests; for younger child participants (including ages 6-11), the program fee includes Aquarium admission for one adult. As a Swim with the Fishes swimmer, you can receive \$2 off Aquarium admission for up to six guests. You may purchase guest tickets for your family and friends from the Guest Services desk upon arrival.

#### **What would I need to bring?**

You would need to bring your swimsuit and towel; all the rest is provided! Before the swim, you are escorted to locker rooms where you may change, store your items while you are swimming, and shower when you are finished.

**When is this program available? How do I make a reservation?**

Currently, Swim with the Fishes is offered daily at 9:00am. We encourage guests to pre-register as there are a limited number of spaces per program. You can make a reservation by [clicking here](#) or calling (813) 273-4015.

**Can I bring a camera?**

You may bring a waterproof camera.

**Can you accommodate disabilities?**

Yes! Our dive team members are trained Handicapped Scuba Association (HSA) buddies and are able to accommodate a wide range of physical and mental disabilities. Please contact our Reservations Office at (813) 273-4015 or [education@flaquarium.org](mailto:education@flaquarium.org) with any specific requirements or concerns you may have.

**Can you accommodate a group of swimmer?**

Yes! We can accommodate groups of 8-20 swimmers. All group swims are scheduled at 8:30am and on a limited basis. To register a group swim, please contact our Group Reservation Office at (813) 273-4042.