MOLLUSCS AND MICROPLASTICS

Examining plastic pollution trends in Tampa Bay Oysters

Science teachers in grades 9-12 are invited to join The Florida Aquarium for a one-day workshop in plastic pollution trends in Tampa Bay. Through this interactive workshop, educators will participate in STEM activities and receive related curricula for their classroom. A stipend will be provided to teachers after the completion of the workshop.

During the workshop, teachers will have the opportunity to apply for an additional immersive experience.

Selected educators will join The Florida Aquarium to collect oysters from Tampa Bay. During the spring semester, oysters will be processed and students will participate in a classroom activity to analyze samples from various sites to compare microplastic ingestion. The program concludes with the four school groups participating in a stewardship activity in late Spring, whereby they will make and set oyster shell bags in the Bay.

Who: Science teachers (biology, marine biology, environmental science)

in grades 9-12 in the following counties (due to grant restrictions):

Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco and Manatee.

When: Saturday, October 7, 2023; 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Where: The Florida Aquarium

Carol J. and Barney Barnett Learning Center Lab

701 Channelside Drive Tampa FL, 33602

Register for a Workshop

Click this <u>link</u> and complete the online form. Once you've registered, you will receive a confirmation email with materials.

For assistance, contact us at (813) 273-4015 or education@flaquarium.org

We look forward to seeing you!



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