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2019

THE BACK TO THE SEA SOCIETY

Our charity's mission is to spark curiosity for marine life off the coast of Nova Scotia and inspire a desire to protect our ocean.

THE TOUCH TANK HUT

The Touch Tank Hut is a miniature marine interpretive centre located in Dartmouth. Our four large tanks allow for an intimate, personal learning experience, showcasing local marine life collected right off the coast. Our modest building comes to life with the amazing creatures we display and the stories they tell of sustainability.

OUR PROGRAMS

We offer engaging, hands-on programs for organized groups visiting the Touch Tank Hut. This includes fun discovery programs for daycares and day camps. Our experienced, knowledgeable staff and volunteers will guide your participants through these programs. Looking for something different? Get in touch!

EN FRANÇAIS!

Nous sommes fière d'offrir un service bilingue pour tous nos programmes! Deux tiers du programme vous est offert en français, ce qui inclue l'introduction, la conclusion et votre choix entre les découvertes des aquariums ,ou la dissection du calmar.

Nous vous demandons de réserver deux semaines avant la date de votre sortie afin d'assurer la disponibilité des animateurs et des bénévoles bilingues.



OPERATING HOURS

Season: June 8th to September 2nd, 2019

Public operating days: Wednesday 3-7

Saturday 9-5

Sunday 10-6

Programming days: June - August

Wednesday

SCHEDULE

**All programs last one hour
and can start at the
following times:**

11:30 1:00

12:00 1:30

12:30

COST

\$4.00/child

Payment must be made prior to the program or on the day of. An invoice can be sent directly to your organization if needed. Registered non-profit groups may be eligible for a reduced price of \$1.00/child. Email programs@backtothesea.ca to request the application form or download it on our website.

We accept:

- Cheques (payable to "Back to the Sea Society")
- Electronic transfers (sent to info@backtothesea.ca)
- Debit in person at the Hut
- Credit card (Visa, Mastercard, American Express) subjected to a 3% processing fee

GROUP SIZE

Due to our staffing and facility size, we can only accommodate 30 participants at a time. Groups can be arranged to take place back to back to accommodate for buses. A variety of free activities are available in close proximity to the Touch Tank Hut.

CHILD/CHAPERONE RATIO

The daycare/camp is responsible for providing the following ratios:

Children under 10 | 10:1 children to chaperone ratio

Children over 10 | 15:1 children to chaperone ratio

ACCESSIBILITY

While we are working on making updates to our building, our facility is not currently easily accessible for wheelchairs. There is a 6 inch step to enter the building and minimal room within the Hut. We will do our very best to accommodate all groups and please let us know if you would like us to make any modifications to our programs based on special needs and requirements.

MAKE A DAY OF IT!

We know it can be tricky to plan an outing for a group of kids! We want to help make it as easy as possible. To make the most of your outing, here are a few activities within walking distance of the Touch Tank Hut:

- The Alderney Gate Public Library offers free scavenger hunts, contact Youth Services at (902) 490-5748
- Walk along Ferry Park and visit the World Peace Pavilion
- The Dartmouth Heritage Museum offers group tours of Evergreen House and Quaker House throughout the entire summer for \$2/participant, contact 902-464-2300

Lunch Time

The Ferry Park is the ideal location for an outdoor lunch with a view! If weather doesn't permit, your group can use a room at the library free of charge or utilize the Alderney Landing market space.

DAYCARES, DAY CAMPS & CLUBS

AGES 5 AND UNDER

This program begins with a story time! We'll do a reading of *The Pout-Pout Fish* where we'll get a first introduction to some of the animals found in our tanks. We'll then get to learn about sea stars with the help of some plush animals before we get our hands wet and discover real live sea stars. We will finish off with a game on the movements of some animals in the tank. Following the program, the group will have time for free exploration.



Groups over 10 participants will be divided in two and will rotate halfway.

AGES 6 AND UP

This is a two-part program. The first part is a guided exploration of the Touch Tank Hut with a special focus either on how organisms in the hut feed, their reproduction, or the habitats they live in. The topic is your choice! For the first option, participants will get to learn about the diet of a variety of animals and how the interesting ways in which they feed. With the second option, participants will learn about the large number of ways invertebrates can reproduce and about their different life stages. The third option allows children to discover marine habitats found in the North Atlantic.

The second part is a squid dissection demo. If we discover a full ink sac, the participants will get to test out the squid pen and write their monogram!



BOOKINGS

To book your program, send an email to programs@backtothesea.ca and specify the ages of participants and your preferred date. Or simply fill out the contact form found on our website at <http://www.backtothesea.org/programming.html>.

We are eager to welcome you to the Touch Tank Hut and ensure that your group has an enjoyable and educational experience!

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US IN SPARKING
CURIOSITY FOR MARINE LIFE!

