



Two Oceans AQUARIUM

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Marine Explorer Course (Gr 9)

Offered to grade 9s, this course primarily focuses on oceanography, with a few elements of marine biology.

The purpose of this course is to:

- provide important basic environmental and oceanographical information
- supplement and support school curriculum material
- provide enrichment for students interested in marine life

Examples of course content include:

- Introduction to Marine Sciences & related careers
- South African Shoreline and Marine Ecosystems
- Basic Classification, Life Processes & Ecological Concepts
- Understanding basic oceanography concepts
 - Physical Properties of Water
 - Tides
 - Salinity
- Introduction to evolution and vertebrate classes



The course is being offered at **no charge to 50 grade 9 students** who show an interest in marine sciences and who wish to pursue a career in that field. The dates for the course are **23-27 March 2020**.

To take part, please follow the below steps:

1. **Prepare a 1.5-minute video relating to the following topics:** how did you become interested in marine sciences; how will this course benefit you; express future career interests and leadership aspirations. Any previous courses done at the Aquarium should also be mentioned.
Please see attached document for guidelines on how to make your video.
2. Fill in the attached application form. **Please make sure to fill in a frequently used contact email and phone number on the application form, so that we can reach you.**
3. **Submit a supporting letter written by a teacher or the principal** to indicate that the applicant shows potential in terms of Life Science/Geography.

You need to provide your **own** transport to and from the aquarium for the duration of the course. You need to **participate in daily assessments and the practical aspect of the course** that take place away from the Aquarium on selected days of the programme. We provide transport from the aquarium to the outing and back.

We look forward to hearing from you. Your application must be sent to the Education Team via [WeTransfer](#), as a **Zipped file or Google Drive** (due to file sizes), with education@aquarium.co.za as the recipient email address. Your application **MUST** reach us by **21 February 2020**. We are committed to enrolling students from as many different schools as possible and may limit the number of candidates per school.

Thank you for showing interest in our courses.

Yours in education,

Anzio Abels

Aquarium Teacher



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Application form for gr 9 Marine Explorer Course

Name of school: _____

Tel. No. _____ School fax no. _____

Name of Contact Teacher: _____

Cell no: _____

E-mail: _____

Name of grade 9 student _____

Contact e-mail: _____

Contact cell no.: _____

Circle the response which is most applicable, rating 1- poor to 5- excellent.

1. Leadership potential in your school: **1 2 3 4 5**
2. Passion for marine environment **1 2 3 4 5**
3. Interest in marine related career: **1 2 3 4 5**
4. Verbal presentation skills: **1 2 3 4 5**

Most recent Social Sciences results: _____

Most recent Natural Sciences results: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Teacher

Principal

Please send this form, together with the student's letter of motivation and the teacher's letter of recommendation, to the Two Oceans Aquarium on or before **21 February 2020**.

All applications to be sent via [WeTransfer](#), as a Zipped file or Google Drive, due to file sizes. Please use education@aquarium.co.za as the recipient email address.

Please contact Katja on 021 814 4555 or education@aquarium.co.za, if you have any questions.



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Dear applicant,

Please use the below points as guidelines when preparing your application video. Your video is the most important part of your application.

- We need to see your face in the video at some point – it does not have to be all the time. If you are using multimedia, you can also narrate some of your video
- You can use multimedia (other videos, images and special effects), but it is not a requirement
- No background music while you are talking
- If you are filming outside, please make sure that you can be heard over any potential background noise (e.g. wind)
- Make sure to answer all of the questions that we ask you in the application letter
- When speaking, rather use cue cards to guide your presentation than reading whole paragraphs of text
- Use your imagination and get creative with your video
- Check your video before you send it to us (for sound quality, lighting etc.)

Remember, the video is your one chance to convince us to choose you for our programme, so make it count.

Before you send anything to us, please use the below checklist to make sure that you have all of the components of your application:

- Application form
- Letter of recommendation
- Application video (with all questions answered)