

DISNEY Y.E.S. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION



“DISNEY’S OCEAN DISCOVERIES”

NATURAL SCIENCE

Grade Levels:
3rd-9th

Program Length:
3 hours

This program is aligned with National Science and Florida Sunshine State Standards.

Meeting Location:

(Morning) Outside *Epcot*® Main Entrance, near Group Sales.

(Afternoon) Inside *Epcot*®, in front of *The Living Seas* at *Nemo’s Secret Garden*.

OBJECTIVE

Inspire students to take an active role in the preservation of marine habitats and marine life by increasing their awareness of impacts on the marine environment.

KEY LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Utilizing dolphins, sharks, sea turtles, manatees and the ocean, students will explore conservation challenges that exist in the marine environment. Throughout this 3 hour program, students will learn about these challenges by participating in a variety of activities all designed to give them a sense of stewardship toward conservation. Program activities will include the following:

Role Playing:

Students and chaperones participate in a town hall meeting concerning a conservation challenge. Students will play the role of one of the stake holders currently involved in the challenge. The objective of this activity is that students will discover that conservation issues have multiple perspectives that must be considered for a successful conservation plan.

Animal Training Game

Students learn how aquatic animals are trained and why this is an important component in caring for them. By becoming a marine animal and participating in a training activity, students gain a new perspective on animal learning.

Conservation Championship

This activity highlights the importance of team work in solving conservation challenges. Students are divided into 2 teams. Each team will be given the same conservation task. Through collaboration and competition, the teams develop a strategy or product to best resolve the conservation challenge. The chaperones participate by acting as evaluators and select the team which best satisfies the task. Will both teams be successful, or will only one team gain the title of Conservation Champion?

Ocean Pollution

How many kinds of pollutants affect our marine environment? Students explore different types of marine pollution and the effect on the oceans and their inhabitants. Through various hands-on activities students experience first hand the challenges marine life face every day.

“Why Should I Care?” Advertising Campaign

As our future leaders, students team up to create an Ad Campaign geared toward their peers asking the basis question, “Why should I care about saving the ocean?” Using what they have learned throughout the program, students create collateral aimed at motivating their classmates to participate in marine conservation.

THE DISNEY DIFFERENCE

- The program is designed to spark new directions of thought and inspire students to become conservationists in their own communities.
- Trained and knowledgeable *Epcot*® *Living Seas* Educators facilitate this high quality and educationally sound program, while including the fun that is a vital part of learning.

