

Birthday Party FAQ's

General FAQ

Q: How much does it cost?

A: For the shark and dolphin parties, it is \$350 for 10 students and 2 adults. Any additional kids will be \$25, and any additional adults will be \$10.

For the squid dissection party, it is an additional \$3 per student. Any additional kids will be \$28 and any additional adults will be \$10.

Q: Where do we park?

A: Please allow 30 minutes to park and walk up the pier. Most parking in the area is metered.

Here is a link that will help you and your

guests: <https://www.downtownmanhattanbeach.com/parking/>

Q: What will the Roundhouse supply?

A: Inside the aquarium will have a few decorations provided by the Roundhouse. We will provide goodie bags and the program.

Outside, the Roundhouse will supply 1 long folding table and 10 chairs set up outside. The Roundhouse will supply 2 signs for the table designating a private party. Keep in mind that the pier is a public area and we cannot guarantee privacy, but we will have stanchions around the table to help keep it as private as we can.

Q: What should I bring?

A: You will need to provide the table cloth, cake/food, plates, napkins, etc. and any other supplies you will need. DO not bring balloons. It gets windy - You will need tape to help hold the tablecloth down. Do not leave anything on the outside table with value and/or unattended.

Q: What can't I bring?

A: Food is not allowed in the aquarium so it must stay outside or temporarily stored in the upstairs office.

DO NOT bring balloons or any other outdoor decorations that could get lose and end up in the ocean.

No decorations are allowed inside the aquarium, as tape can damage the paint and tanks.

Q: Where can I put the cake/food/gifts?

A: Cake and food can be placed in the upstairs office. There is no refrigeration. We do not allow food in the aquarium.

Q: How long is the program?

A: It is a 1-hour program.

Q: Can I stay after the program?

A: We will have a table set up outside for you once the program is over. After the program you are free to continue your celebration outside or at a nearby restaurant. Unfortunately, our staff will not be able to assist you past the 1-hour program.

Q: Will the tidepool be open for touching?

A: Yes, the kids will be allowed to touch, however, children who have sunscreen, lotion, or hand sanitizer on their hands may not touch the tidepool animals. Please have those that do wash their hands before touching the animals.

Program FAQ:

Q: What does the dolphin program entail?

A: A tour of the aquarium/free time, a talk about dolphins, a dolphin art craft, and touching the tidepool animals. We will also have goodie bags for the kids to take home after. For ages 4-7.

Q: What does the shark program entail?

A: A tour of the aquarium/free time, a talk about sharks, a shark art craft, and touching the tidepool animals. We will also have goodie bags for the kids to take home after. For ages 4-7.

Q: What does the squid dissection program entail?

A: Free time to explore the aquarium, a talk about squids/cephalopods, the squid dissection, and touching the tidepool animals. We will also have goodie bags for the kids to take home after. For ages 8-12.