

Children and Youth Programs



Children and Youth Programs are immersive ocean education experiences that foster love for our oceans through fun and interactive activities. The team engages over 9,000 children, youth and families in marine science annually.

Our team of educators are passionate about inspiring the next generation of young leaders. Our approach is supported by the accepted social science assertion that adults develop concern for the environment based on experiences of awe and wonder as a child.

THE PROGRAM COMPRISES:

Camps & Clubs | Programs embrace nature play, science, art and hands-on experiences to foster a love of our natural world.

Sleepovers & Birthday Parties | Participants tour the Aquarium with an experienced educator and engage in a multisensory exploration of the BC intertidal zone in our Wet Lab.

Youth Leadership | Participants are immersed in conservation and sustainability workshops led by our educators, experts and scientists. We also mentor the next generation of ocean champions through work experience volunteer placements each year.



"AquaCamps are the best because we learn all about marine life and how to take care of the ocean. I learned that the sea turtle only eats green food like broccoli, spinach and kale. The camp leaders always have exciting games like sea star tag and camouflage. AquaCamps are a lot of fun!"

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Children & Youth Program Annual Impact



 **9,108**

Students participated
in children & youth programs

1,482
 students
attended
AquaCamps

 **334**
participated in
24 club programs

 **13,911**
hours of experiential education
delivered by volunteers and staff educators

 **3,858**
participants experienced
a sleepover program

 **3,262**
children attended 189
birthday parties

 **127**
youth mentored through work
experience placements