

Tiger Parent and Leader Guide

Dear Parents and Leaders: Use this guide to facilitate fun and learning for your scout as he works to complete his Tiger adventure requirements. Be sure to pick up a map of the Virginia Aquarium before you get started.

Backyard Jungle Requirement 2: Point out two different kinds of birds that live in your area.

Tigers in the Wild Requirement 4: While on the hike, find three different kinds of plants, animals, or signs that animals have been on the trail. List what you saw in your Tiger Handbook.

Recommended Exhibits: Marsh Loop

How to help your scout:

Encourage him to.....

- To stop at the oyster exhibits on the Marsh Loop and quietly observe nature for 5 minutes.
- Where do these animals live? What type of habitat is it?
- Can they move (swim, fly, crawl, etc.)? How does this help them in their habitat?

Backyard Jungle Requirement 5: With your adult partner, go on a walk, and pick out two sounds you hear in your "jungle."

Recommended Exhibits: Marsh Loop

How to help your scout:

- While on the Marsh Loop, close your eyes and listen quietly to nature for several minutes.
- Discuss both the living and non-living sounds you hear, such as birds, fish jumping, the wind, moving water, airplanes.
- If you have time, travel along the Marsh Loop until you come to the freshwater pond nestled in the trees. Repeat the activity. What sounds were the same? Which sounds were different? Discuss the marsh versus the forest habitat and how that produces different sounds.



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Backyard Jungle Requirement 1: Take a 1-foot hike. Make a list of the living things you find on your 1-foot hike.

Recommended Exhibits: Red Sea Tunnel

How to help your scout:

Encourage him to.....

- Look carefully all around the Red Sea Tunnel. Be sure to look above you, along the sandy bottom, and in the nooks and crannies of the artificial coral reef.

Tigers in the Wild Requirement 7: Visit a nearby nature center, zoo, or another outside place with your family or den. Learn more about two animals, and write down two interesting things about them in your Tiger Handbook

Recommended Exhibits: Norfolk Canyon Aquarium, Light Tower Aquarium, Coldwater Aquariums, or your scout's other favorite exhibit

Encourage your scout to.....

- Find 2 fishes he likes. Then sit and observe them for at least 5 minutes.
- Think about habitat features are found in the exhibit, such as rocks, a sandy bottom, plants, corals, structures, etc.. and encourage him to include these in the picture.
- Ask an Aquarium staff member or volunteer about the fish he chooses.
- Can they move (swim, fly, crawl, etc.)? How does this help them in their habitat?

Curiosity Carts and Gallery Programs: Look for carts stationed in various locations featuring interesting artifacts and demonstrations. Aquarium educators also conduct Q & A sessions at selected aquariums and exhibits at times listed below.

Harbor Seals: 10 am and 3 pm

Sting Rays: 10:30 am and 3:30 pm

Sea Turtles: 1:30 pm

River Otters: 1:30 pm

Sharks: 2 pm

Be sure to double check program times when you arrive at the Aquarium.

