

Sea Lion Encounter

DIVE INTO THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF CALIFORNIA SEA LIONS!

You've seen them swimming, jumping, and dancing in West Edmonton Mall's Marine Life pool and now you can get up close and personal with our California sea lions! Touch, train, and swim with Pablo, Clara, Kelpie, or Quinty during an exciting and interactive Sea Lion Encounter — the only program of its kind in Canada.

During a Sea Lion Encounter, you will meet our sea lions one-at-a-time, swim and play games with them, get splashed and towed by them, learn from our animal care staff and then apply that knowledge towards working with the sea lions. It's an experience you'll never forget!

Children as young as eight years old can now participate, when joined by a parent or legal guardian. This modified program will take place in the shallow area of the pool. Children will interact with the sea lions but will not experience the swim activity (tow and porpoising).

BOOK YOUR ENCOUNTER TODAY!

For more information or to book your program, call Marine Life Education at 780-444-5320, e-mail marinelife@wem.ca, or visit wem.ca.

BOOKING INFORMATION

- Sessions are available from Thursday to Tuesday. Bookings require at least two business days' notice. Only one session is held daily and only four participants are allowed per session, so please book early.
- Participants must be at least eight years old and in good physical condition. Proof of age is required; please present government-issued identification. Expectant mothers cannot participate.
- The program cost is \$149 for the first participant, \$99 for the second participant, and \$75 for the third and fourth participants. To get the discounted rates, all participants must swim in the same program. Payment must be made by phone or in person at the time of booking.
- Participants aged eight to 11 must also have their parent or legal guardian participate in the swim.
- Participants aged 12 to 14 must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian who will observe the program from Sea Lions' Rock grandstand at no additional cost. The adult may participate by paying the program cost.

- Participants aged 15 to 17 must have a parent or legal guardian sign the liability waiver on the morning of their swim. The parent or legal guardian is not required to stay for the duration of the program.
- Participants must sign the required waiver prior to participating. This will be provided on the morning of the program by Marine Life staff. Minors require a signature from a parent or legal guardian.
- Participants will meet their trainer at Marine Life Information. (If it is closed when you arrive, please wait. The trainer will come for you.)
- Participants must bring their own swimsuits. Wetsuits, booties, towels, and personal flotation devices are provided. Photography and recording devices are not permitted. A photographer will take photos throughout the program.

SEA LION ENCOUNTER ITINERARY

The program itinerary is subject to change without notice. Please confirm details at time of booking.

- Gather at Marine Life Information and proceed to orientation. (If desk is closed, please wait. The trainer will come for you.)
- Swim with a sea lion (sea lion tows you around the pool)
 - Photo opportunities (hug and kiss)
 - Interactive sessions (play games with and get splashed by sea lions)
 - Be the trainer (work with a sea lion and learn how they are trained)
- Change clothes and shower
- Program ends

To commemorate your visit, a USB with at least 30 photos of your experience is available for purchase for only \$29.95!

West Edmonton Mall is proud to be a member of Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA).