

## **Frequently Asked Questions About Our Programs**

### **Are there additional travel fees for schools outside the Halifax Regional Municipality?**

Oceans Wild attempts to book several shows along a designated tour route in order to avoid charging additional travel fees. If you want us to visit your school and we have no tour scheduled for your area, then additional travel fees may apply if your venue is outside the Halifax Regional Municipality.

### **Our school is small, will you visit us?**

Oceans Wild Crew have visited schools with as few as 36 students and as many as 800 or more! We appreciate that it can be difficult for small schools to book special presentations. We encourage small schools that are close to one another to combine their student populations to book our show as long as the total number of combined students does not exceed 500. Oceans Wild will only set up at one location for the day. We request one school act as the main point of contact and host our show with the second school sending their students to the host school to attend scheduled shows.

### **How far in advance should I schedule a show?**

The further in advance you can schedule our visit the more likely you will be able to get the particular date you would like. Some of our clients book us a year in advance. Many schools book during the summer for the following school year.

### **Is the show designed to revisit a school at a future date?**

Most certainly! As our presentations are geared to specific grade levels we recommend that Oceans Wild return to your school as students graduate to the next show level. We also always have new stories and discoveries to tell from our season on the water!

### **Does the show include live animals?**

No, the Oceans Wild Show does not include live animals. Many of the animals we encounter in the wild are too big, too fast and sometimes too dangerous to bring with us – not to mention we would have to fill your gym with sea water to sustain the animals. Instead we travel with carefully designed life size replicas of marine animals. The replicas give everyone a great appreciation for the size of some well known ocean animals including whales, sharks, and one of the biggest fish in the sea! We also have real animal artefacts, some of which students can handle.

### **What is the show format?**

Before our arrival your school is provided with curriculum aligned activities to prepare students for the big show!

The in-school show begins with presenters introducing the audience to the assembled animals in the gym. This is achieved in different ways depending on the age level

present. The animals similarities and differences are explored, their specializations examined, and of course how they work is discussed particularly in great detail when each class is digested by our fin whale. Ocean diversity, climate change, pollution and other threats to the ocean's well being are important topics for all shows. Most importantly, Oceans Wild presenters leave students with the knowledge that they can make a difference to the ocean environment through their own individual actions. If time permits, presenters will engage the audience in a question and answer session.

**How does the show schedule work?**

Shows run in 1 hour time slots. For our gym show we present 4 shows during a school day on a schedule made up by the school in order to suit your hours of operation. We appreciate a few minutes between shows to reset equipment. We also require at least a 30 minute lunch break. Your school classes should be divided up into 4 groups close to the same grade level to attend an age appropriate session. For example, a P-6 suggested school schedule would look like this:

Session 1: (P) Session 2: (Gr1, Gr2) Session 3: (Gr3, Gr4) Session 4: (Gr5, Gr6)