Hi Educators,

Thank you for scheduling your class to attend our Day at the Whitney Lab program, where your students can be a Scientist for the Day!

We have compiled some important information about the program that you and your fellow teachers will find helpful. We recommend reviewing over the details below and watching the suggested videos before visiting the lab with your students.

Check out Whitney’s website [www.whitney.ufl.edu](http://www.whitney.ufl.edu)

1.) On the main page, at the bottom, you will find a short video highlighting the Whitney Lab and the different types of scientific research done here. You can also find other scientific video’s on each individual faculty member’s web pages.

2.) On our K-12 Outreach web page, you’ll find a two minute education video titled ‘Scientist for the Day.’ This video provides the kids with a little bit of knowledge about what they’ll be doing during their fieldtrip here at the lab. We think your students will enjoy watching both videos.

Also on our K-12 Outreach page you will be able to download the DAW worksheet, no need to print out, we will provide your students with a copy; The Pre/Post Test, Teacher Resource materials, Post Conclusions, Word Wall, Etc.

The cost for the program is $6.00 per student; Teachers and Chaperones may still accompany the students at no cost. Checks should be made payable to: The University of Florida. Upon request, I can send you and/or your booker an invoice via email, and a receipt via email.

Program hours run from 10:00 am. to 1:00 pm. on Tuesday’s, Wednesday’s, and Thursday’s from August – May. Busses should arrive at the Whitney Lab between 10:00 am & 10:30 am.

Here are a few requests we have to make the program go smoothly!

**Before arriving:**

- Take the time to give your students our pre-test via online or print out the pdf, and then the post-test after returning. If you give the printed version please send scores to the education coordinator via email.

- Divide students into three groups; groups will rotate through our three different stations approximately every 30 minutes. There will be a short lunch break after two thirty minute sessions. Please have your students bring a sack lunch
or snack for the break, we do not have food available for purchase. We have indoor / outdoor seating available.

- If time permits, we recommend you let your students visit our shallow marine fish pond.
- Have name tags on students’ shirts so that we may address them in a proper manner.
- If your group has extra time we have an outdoor scavenger hunt available.
- Let us know how many students you have in your class so that we can set up correctly. We don’t need to know any last minute absentees, just the number of students you expect to bring.
- Let us know if you have any students that require special accommodations.
- If parents will be accompanying students, please explain to them that they should be silent observers. In our experience, parents sometimes act and speak for their children, easily dominating the lesson. We are more than happy to have chaperones observe the activities, but the focus of our program is the students.
- Cell phones – chaperones must leave room to talk/text/play games on any electronic device
- Cameras – pictures may be taken during the program, but close-ups must wait until the end of each station. This rule applies to students, chaperones, and teachers.

The Whitney Docents and I look forward to working with you on your visit. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Brenda Cannaliato, Education Coordinator
Whitney Laboratory for Marine Bioscience
9505 Ocean shore Blvd. St. Augustine, Fl. 32080
Brenda@whitney.ufl.edu
904-461-4014 (Outreach Office) or 904-461-4000 (Main Office)
www.whitney.ufl.edu