



Beach Exploration Activity - “There is more to the beach than meets the eye”

OVERVIEW The beach and intertidal zones are habitats full of marine life. During this activity, students will get an overview of the problems with marine debris, basic beach etiquette and get an opportunity to explore and see what they can find. Each student or group of students will get a list of items they need to find on the beach. After the allotted time we will then gather back up as a group and discuss these items and answer questions about the treasures they found.

Special Notes:

- This activity is dependent on tides and will not be available on certain days or times.

Grade level: 2nd-7th (will be adjusted for different grade levels)

Time needed: This activity needs at least 30 minutes to complete and can last up to 60 min.

Number of students: This activity can accommodate up to 30 students. Depending on class size, students may be paired or grouped for the scavenger hunt.

OBJECTIVES Following completion of this lesson, the students will be able to:

1. Identify some of the issues regarding marine debris,
2. Appreciate that the beach is a habitat that is home to many species,
3. Understand basic beach etiquette.