



BCTC AquaVan School Programs

Since 1994, the award-winning BCTC AquaVan has been making a splash across BC and Alberta with hands-on programs featuring live animals from the waters of British Columbia. During each BCTC AquaVan program a team of Educators lead students through captivating displays involving live animals, props and exciting activities to discover the connections between aquatic life, the environment and themselves. BCTC AquaVan programs complement Ministry of Education prescribed learning outcomes and are accompanied by an Educator Guide.

Elementary Programs Each program is one hour long for up to 30 students.

- **Grades K-2: Water Wonders** Join puppets on a trip to a make-believe seashore, then meet live sea critters and see how they eat, move and protect themselves.
- **Grades 3-4: Staying Alive** Become an aquatic detective and search for clues that reveal how animals survive in aquatic habitats.
- **Grades 5-7: Lives of the Wet and Spineless** Investigate how animals without backbones deal with life on the shores of British Columbia.
- **Grades 5-7: Marine Mammals** Explore the lives and adaptations of marine mammals in the ocean through slides, fascinating props and fun activities.
** Please note that this program is props based and includes few live animals.

Secondary Programs Each program is one hour 15 min long for up to 30 students.

- **Grades 8-12: Intertidal Marine Biology** Examine the features of various invertebrate phyla that help them thrive in the intertidal zone.

Set-up Requirements

- A program presentation room, e.g. gym or multipurpose room
- Level parking space for the 35 foot (10m) BCTC AquaVan that is:
 - Near wheelchair access to the program room to wheel in the props and materials
 - Within 50 feet of two electrical outlets (non ground-fault interrupted (GFI)) for the on-board life support systems
- Set-up takes place at least one hour before programs begin or the day before
- The live animals are brought in from the BCTC AquaVan just prior to the programs

Fees

Elementary programs (grades K-7): \$10.00 per student. Minimum fee: \$1000 per day
 Secondary Programs (grades 8-12): \$10.00 per student + GST. Minimum fee: \$1000 + GST per day

For BCTC AquaVan information and bookings:
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