

Fish Lessons and Educational Activities at the Aquatic Resources Education Center (AREC)

Fabulous Fishes Story Time

Students will learn the characteristics of different fishes using a story and Gyotaku, the traditional Japanese method of creating fish prints. Students will also explore the variety of local fishes in our aquarium.

Audience: Pre-K - 2nd Grade



One Fish, Two Fish

There are ~40,000 species of fishes on Earth and all of them different! In this activity students will explore the difference between local fishes and how they have adapted to their unique environment.

Audience: Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

Amazing Adaptations: Fishes Edition

Students compare fishes to other animals through several interactive activities and learn about the unique adaptations and important roles of fishes in the environment.

Audience: 1st - 5th Grade



Fantastic Fishes

Ever wonder what makes fish such good swimmers? Or how they are able to blend into their habitat so well? Students will answer these and other questions about fish adaptations through investigation and exploration.

Audience: 3rd - 5th Grade



Fabulous Food Webs

It's a fish eat fish world out there! Come learn about the aquatic food webs found in the District of Columbia. Students will learn about feeding relationships through games and other activities.

Audience: 2nd - 12th Grade

CSI: Anacostia

Did you know that the US is the only country that has an entire CSI lab dedicated to fisheries and wildlife crimes? In this activity students will become one of the many people involved in investigating fisheries and wildlife crimes. Students will work together to investigate whether or not a crime has occurred with a local fisherman.

Audience: 6th - 12th Grade



Careers in Fisheries

New in 2016!

Students will get a chance to learn about the wide variety of careers in the field of fisheries biology including government biologist, fisheries management, and law enforcement.

Audience: 6th - 12th Grade

Otolith (Fish Ear Bone)



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ABOUT US:

The Aquatic Resources Education Center (AREC) is a multi-use education and aquaculture center located in Anacostia Park in southeast Washington, DC. Opened in 2005, it is one of three facilities of its kind in the Northeastern United States. Fish and Wildlife Biologists with the Government of the District of Columbia, Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE) provide free facility tours and environmental education programs to students and the general public on a variety of topics including adaptations, amphibians & reptiles, angler education, ecology, environmental stewardship, fish biology, food webs, habitats, invasive species, water as an environment, wetlands, and watershed dynamics. The AREC presents a unique opportunity for visitors to experience close encounters with more than 40 species of fish, amphibians, reptiles, aquatic plants, and invertebrates that can be found in the wetlands, streams, and rivers of the District as well as in the Chesapeake Bay.

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