

Bonus Field Trip Account (50 pts)

We are lucky to have three major marine aquaria operations within driving distance of CSUN, namely the Long Aquarium of the Pacific, Monterey Bay Aquarium and Sea World San Diego. We have already explored the Monterey Bay Aquarium, so now you have the opportunity to visit ONE of the other two. Although the primary focus of these aquaria is to provide entertainment, as well as, education to the general public, they also provide great opportunities for marine education for university-level students by presenting live marine organisms in a setting in which they can be easily observed.

In order to maximize your educational experience, you may visit at least one of these three aquaria during the course of the semester and to write an account of this visit and the **ORGANISMS** (not the shows!) you observed. This report will account for a maximum of 50 pts towards your grade in the course (lecture or lab).

IF you visit the **Long Beach Aquarium** you should **focus** your visit and account on the following exhibits:

Kelp Forests
Cryptic Fishes (there are a few...)
Marine Birds (penguins, puffins, etc.)
Marine Mammals

IF you visit **Sea World San Diego** you should **focus** your visit and account on the following exhibits of marine/pelagic organisms:

Shark Encounter
Penguin Encounter
Manatee Rescue
Rocky Point Preserve
Wild Arctic
Shamu

Your Field Trip Account must include the following:

- 1) A Cancelled Ticket Stub
- 2) A 1 - 2 page general account of when and what exhibits you visited listing the various pelagic species that you were able to observe.
- 3) A 1 - 2 page specific account of an organism or type of organism you found

particularly interesting including its taxonomy and adaptations to the marine/pelagic environment.

The assignment is to be **typed** using double-spacing and is to be **stapled** neatly in the upper left-hand corner - NO FOLDERS.

This assignment is **DUE May 5th.**
HAVE FUN, LEARN A LOT, & GOOD LUCK !!!!!!!!!!!