

Our Visit to



Notes to Caregivers

- This narrative is meant as a guide for individuals with sensory or developmental differences to understand the Discovery Center experience and expectations.
- The Discovery Center is located on the St. Pete Pier. We recommend close supervision if your child is drawn to water.
- Paid parking is available on the streets and in garages throughout downtown. There is also a paid lot on the Pier near Doc Ford's.
 - The Pier has a free, ADA compliant tram available.
- There is a calendar of special programs located on the Discovery Center website, including sensory-friendly events:
<https://tbwdiscoverycenter.org/>
- This narrative was created by the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities. To learn more about CARD, visit:

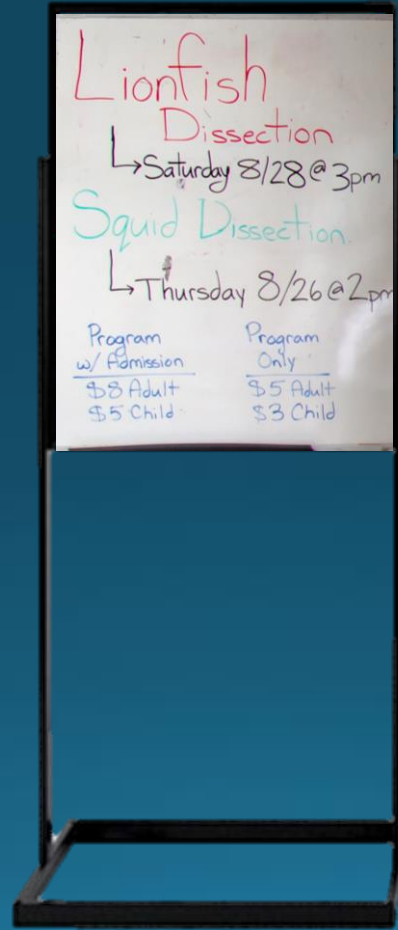
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Soon I am going to Tampa Bay
Watch Discovery Center!

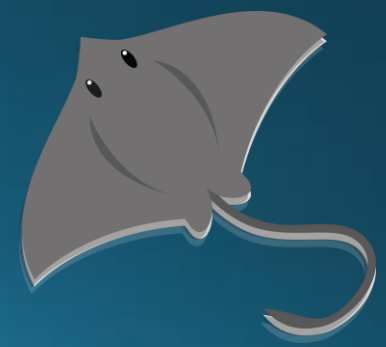
At the Discovery Center, I will
learn about the beach and
ocean, and how I can help take
care of the plants and animals
that live there.

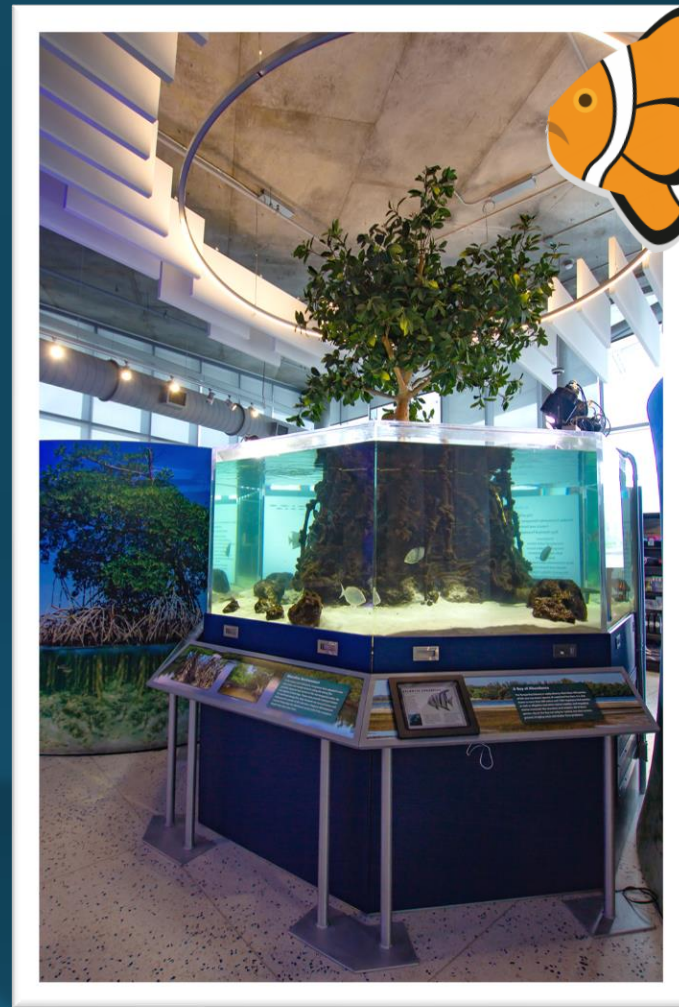




I might be visiting the Discovery Center for a special event, on a field trip with my class, or just walking around with my family.

We can check the board at the front to see the schedule for the day.





The Discovery Center has several aquariums where I can see fish, seahorses, and terrapins that live in Tampa Bay! While watching the animals, I will remember to keep my hands off the glass.



This is the touch tank where I can touch crabs, urchins, and other ocean critters!

Some of the animals might be taking a break. I will listen to the Discovery Center leader about which animals I can touch.

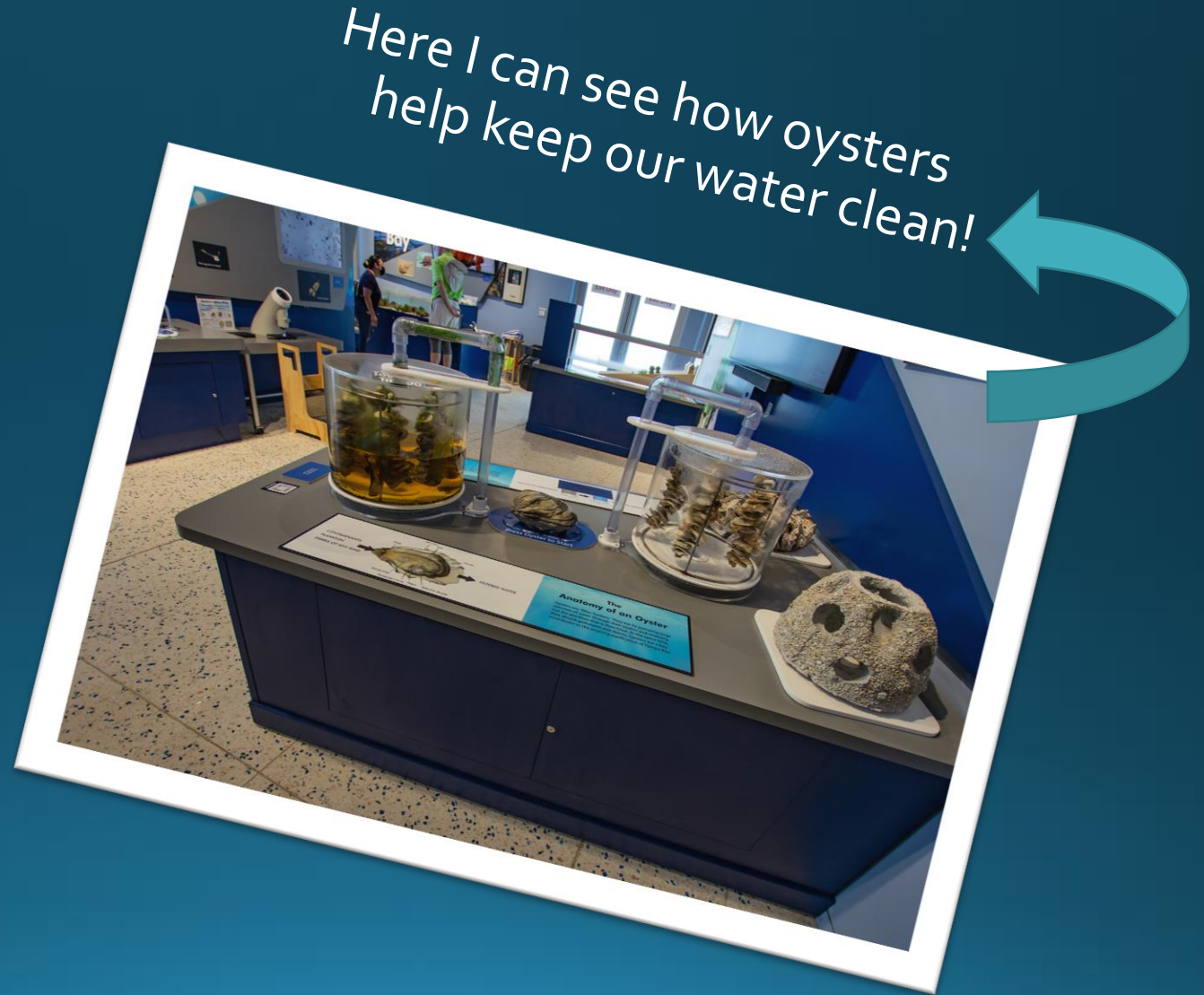
When it is my turn, I will touch gently with just my first two fingers.



In some areas of the Discovery Center, I can do an activity.



Here I can look for objects hidden in the sand!



Here I can see how oysters help keep our water clean!

Did you know?



Many of the plastics we use end up in the world's oceans. This can hurt the fish and plants that live there, and pollute an important resource.

This display is made of 1,500 plastic bottles—that's the number of bottles thrown away in the USA every second!

I can help by using less plastic and recycling when I can.



When it is time to go we will head back out onto the Pier.
Thanks Tampa Bay Watch Discovery Center, we had fun!

Come back
soon!

