

Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium is excited to offer a unique educational opportunity for students through our "Ask the Ocean" program. This virtual program allows students to engage directly with marine experts via live video chat sessions. Students can ask questions about marine careers, marine biology, and other ocean-related topics. To ensure the safety and privacy of all participants, we require parental or guardian permission for students under the age of 18. Parents and guardians are welcome to participate with their child during this session.

Program Details:

- **Program Name:** Ask the Ocean hosted by Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium
- **Purpose:** To provide students with the opportunity to ask Mote's subject matter experts questions about marine careers, marine biology, and other ocean-related topics.
- **Format:** Live video chat session conducted by a secure Google Meet video connection.
- Each student under 18 years of age must have a parental or guardian consent form to participate.
- Students will need a Google login, access to a computer or device with internet access, a camera, and a microphone.

Parental/Guardian Consent:

Please complete the information below to grant permission for your child to participate in the "Ask the Ocean" video chat sessions.

- Full Name of Student: _____
 - Age: _____
 - Grade: _____
 - School: _____
- Name of Parent/Guardian: _____
 - Phone Number: _____
 - Email Address: _____
- Is there a particular marine science topic or question that is of interest to them?:

Consent and Release:

I, the undersigned, hereby give permission for my child, named above, to participate in a "Ask the Ocean" video chat session hosted by Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium. I understand that this session will involve live video communication with marine staff and that my child will be able to ask questions and interact during the session. I acknowledge that the Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium will take appropriate measures to ensure the privacy and safety of all participants. I consent to the one-way recording of this session for educational and promotional purposes by Mote Marine Laboratory & Aquarium, with the understanding that my child's side of the call will not be included and no personal information will be shared without further consent. By signing below, I agree to the terms and conditions outlined above and allow my child to participate in the "Ask the Ocean" program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

Thank you for supporting your child's interest in marine science and careers! Please send this form to seatrek@mote.org and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

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