

**Turtle Outreach program (\$)**  
 Program available at an additional cost



**Outreach program**

Students in 1<sup>st</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grade can enjoy a lesson on turtles. We will bring out the ambassador animal (turtle), talk about the adaptations and compare the ambassador animal to tortoises and sea turtles using artifacts.

**Program Highlights:**

- Students will learn what adaptations are specific traits freshwater turtles have to survive
- Students will learn the difference between tortoises, freshwater turtles, and sea turtles
- Students will use two fingers to touch the turtle(s) and then sanitize their hands
- Students will learn about various threats turtles face and how they can help turtles survive.

**Restrictions:**

- Participants will need to use hand sanitizer after touching the turtle
- Participants must be in 1<sup>st</sup> grade – 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- Participants will only be able to touch the shell of the turtles while the educator is holding the turtle with the head facing away from participants
- Turtles will only be allowed out of their exhibit for 4 hours

**Common Core/Standards:**

Science Standards		
P-LS1-1. Observe familiar plants and animals (including humans) and describe what they need to survive		
Science and Engineering	Disciplinary Core idea	Crosscutting Concept
Use evidence to construct an explanation	Natural selection- Sometimes differences in characteristics among a species provide advantages in surviving and reproducing	Cause and effect
Common Core Standards		
R.L. With prompting and support, ask and answer questions about key details in a text	S.L. Participate in collaborative conversations with diverse partners about grade 1 topics and texts with peers and adults in small and large groups	

**Cancellations and Reservations:**

- To make reservations call (716) 285-3575 ext. 210 or 219
- Cost is \$100.00 for the day up to 80 students
- Cancellations for snow days are allowed otherwise we don't allow cancellations
- Refunds are not available after payment has been received; programs can be rescheduled in extenuating circumstances

**Day of Interaction:**

- Students will be asked about their current knowledge of turtles
- Once a base knowledge has been established, students will be introduced to a freshwater turtle (either a Florida cooter or the Red-eared slider)
- Instructors will lead a discussion on what an adaptation is, and review features that freshwater turtles have for survival
- Using artifacts as a reference, students will be educated on the differences between sea turtles, freshwater turtles and tortoises
- Instructors will lead a discussion on conservation and how the students can do things to help the turtles
- Students will be evaluated on their understanding of the lesson by inquiring about different features and adaptations that were discussed

- Each student will use a two finger touch to interact with turtles and artifacts; students will be required to utilize hand sanitizer or hand washing after touching the turtle