

## **Field Trip Information**

### **Fraser River Discovery Centre**

Located in New West Quay, the Fraser River Discovery Centre is a hands-on interpretive centre for students and teachers to learn about the Fraser River. Their newest program focuses on the white sturgeon and comprises three student workstations:

- 1) Characteristics – learn about the anatomy, life cycle and food web of the white sturgeon
- 2) Sturgeon survival game - play a game to see if your sturgeon can successfully spawn
- 3) Conservation - examines the status of the white sturgeon and looks at current conservation

Their [website](#) has information on their other education programs ('It's Alive', 'From Pollution to Solution' and 'A Living Working River'). Cost of these programs range from \$3.50 to \$5.00 (+ GST) per student. Programs run from Tuesday to Friday.

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Telephone: (604) 521-8401

Website: <http://www.fraserriverdiscovery.org/>

Email: [infor@fraserriverdiscovery.org](mailto:infor@fraserriverdiscovery.org)

### **Stó:lō Nation Shxwt'a: selhawtxw Interpretive Centre**

*Shxwt'a; selhawtxw Program* is located at the Stó:lō Nation in Sardis where the focal point of the field trip takes place.

Longhouse

The Stó:lō longhouse is a very special and sacred place. Normally, it is not open to those who are outside its society. During the winter months, throughout the Coast Salish territory, families host gatherings in their community longhouses. People travel from community to community usually on the weekends, to participate in Longhouse activities.

A fun hands-on activity is presented that will assist students in learning the Stó:lō fish species and the usage of long ago and today. Visual displays of exhibits are displayed on a floor model. Emphasis will be on the sturgeon, sharing historical information regarding the relationship of the Stó:lō people and the sturgeon. The legends of the sturgeon have been kept alive through the oral traditions shared over generations.

The tours are arranged as follows:

Longhouse

Traditional Welcome by Cedar Dancers

Introduction to interpretive guides and program

Visit to the interpretive centre – sturgeon presentation  
Return to longhouse for closing and farewell  
Cost: One hour group tour \$92.00 (Maximum 30-35 people)  
Must pay by certified cheque or money order upon booking.

Address:

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Coordinator/Curator: Maxine Prevost

### **Vancouver Aquarium**

A great place to see live sturgeon is at the Vancouver Aquarium in Stanley Park. The Vancouver Aquarium currently has two resident sturgeon in their tanks, in the BC Coast Gallery and in the Pacific Coast Tank. Unfortunately the Aquarium does not have a specific program about the sturgeon - combine a look at the sturgeon with one of the many programs they offer for students. Cost of their programs range from \$8.00 to \$10.00 per student. Check their website for program details.

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Website: <http://www.vanaqua.org>

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### **River Works Program**

River Works is a Vancouver Aquarium Marine Science Centre initiative that inspires the stewardship of aquatic habitats in the Fraser River estuary. A kit is provided that supplies the teacher with lessons and equipment for a variety of hands-on activities. Activities include bird, vegetation, invertebrate, fish and amphibian surveys, industrial wood clean-ups, storm drain marking, water quality testing, native vegetation plantings, and bird and bat box installation. Kits are free to borrow.

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### **Inch Creek Hatchery**

Located 11 km. East of Mission, the hatchery is open to the public every day (except Christmas Day) from 9 am to 3 pm. Tours are provided, with advance booking, to groups of seniors or students. Species: coho, chinook, chum, steelhead

Best Times: November

Other: The pond on the west side of the hatchery is home to several large sturgeon. The largest fish on hand weighs about 80 kg. and is over 50 years old. The sturgeon can be seen from a wharf built out into the pond. The hatchery assists Malaspina College staff with the study of sturgeon biology and supports the work of the Fraser River Sturgeon Conservation Society.

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### **Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup**

The program, organized by the Vancouver Aquarium, is designed to help protect Canada's wildlife by engaging thousands of youths in the cleanup of our waterways. The program runs in early September, therefore registrations are due by the end of August. If you didn't register in time this year, make a note on your calendar to register for next year. Teachers can register at <http://www.vanaqua.org/cleanup> or call toll free 1-877-427-2422.