



Touch Lab and Squid Dissection: Grades 5 and up

This program provides a more detailed introduction to the major marine phyla found along the Gulf Coast, accompanied by interesting facts and anecdotes. At the conclusion of the lecture, students are invited to examine and touch a wide variety of preserved specimens, while identifying major body parts and adaptations to the marine environment. The Phylum Mollusca is emphasized, and the anatomy of cephalopods is examined through a well-structured squid dissection during the second half of this program

What to expect:

- After an entertaining and informative lecture, students will pick-up, examine and touch a large variety of preserved specimens in the lab room
- A squid dissection where pairs of students are encouraged to ‘get their hands dirty’ and, with instruction, delve into the guts of a squid!

What to wear and bring:

- Comfortable clothes. Sometimes squid guts may splatter!
- Note books if your students need to take notes

Key Words to Review with Your Students:

- Phylum
- Adaptation
- Vertebrate
- Invertebrate

