



Dolphin Cove

Trainer for a Day Program

From swimming with dolphins, to fish preparation and washing buckets: Participants work one-on-one with an experienced animal trainer to gain insight into marine mammal care and training. The day is complete with in-depth discussions and experiential learning, encompassing topics such as training, marine mammal care, animal identification, dolphin anatomy and reproduction, marine mammal intelligence and communication, enrichment, and tactics utilized to build a trusting relationship between trainer and animal.

A critical (and rewarding) part of a trainer's job is to create and maintain a positive relationship with the dolphins they work with. At Dolphin Cove, trainers swim with the dolphins in private sessions throughout the day to help foster this relationship. The Shadow a Trainer for a Day program is the only Dolphin Cove experience that invites participants to join a trainer during this private natural swim time.

The Trainer for a Day program also includes a 5x7" photo of you and our dolphins to commemorate your experience, a Trainer for a Day t-shirt, and a comprehensive book *Pursuing Your Career as a Marine Mammal Trainer or Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises (an identification guide)*. This is supplemental to the knowledge and enjoyment participants gain during this unique program.

Dolphin Cove's Trainer for a Day program is an all-inclusive, once in a lifetime experience. Reserve your space promptly to receive the discounted price of \$630.00 for a full day of one-on-one interaction with the trainers and animals at Dolphin Cove. Act quickly, because space is limited! Participants must be a minimum of 13 years of age.

Trainer for a day sample schedule:

Please note that your day may vary according to the animals training and feed schedule.

- Check in at 8:30 A.M.
- Receive your Dolphin Cove T-Shirt to wear for the day.
- Participate in a Structured swim with the dolphins .
- Educational Videos Narrated by Dolphin Trainer, and or Discussion: Marine Mammal Enrichment, Workshop: Dolphin Anatomy and Identification.
- Review with your trainer, training principles and terminology: Behavior, Criteria, SD, Bridge, Positive Reinforcement, LRS, Shaping a behavior, etc.
- Lunch Break from 12:30 – 1:45 P.M.(Food not provided) Parents must pick up their children for lunch. We provide drinking water throughout the day, but participants should bring any snacks they will want.
- Dolphin Kitchen Experience: Managing the dolphins' diet, Fish Pull, Fish Prep, Making the dolphins' buckets, Vitamins/Medications.
- Shallow Water Encounter with the dolphins.

- Sanitary practices of cleaning buckets and cleaning the fish kitchen.
- Participate in a private swim with a trainer or multiple trainers. No public swimmers will be included in this program.
- Receive a book concerning *Starting Your Career as a Marine Mammal Trainer*.
- View photos taken of you throughout the day. Select the 5x7 print. Purchase any additional photos.
- End of Day 3:30 P.M. Parents should arrive to pick up at this time. Wrap up and questions for the trainer.

If you have any further questions, please call Dolphins Cove at (305) 451-4060 or email Info@dolphinscove.com. We look forward to seeing you!