



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 12 years of age.

Trainer for a day sample schedule:

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| 8:30 AM | Arrive at Dolphin Cove and check-in, you receive a Dolphin Cove T-Shirt to wear for the day. |
| 8:45 AM | Structured Program Briefing |
| 9:30 AM | Structured swim with the dolphins **Photos will be taken of the swim. You can select an 8 x 10 photo at the end of the day. |
| 10:30 AM | Educational Videos Narrated by Dolphin Trainer, Discussion: Marine Mammal Enrichment, Workshop: Dolphin Anatomy and Identification |
| 11:30 AM | Sit on the platform with your trainer and go over training principles and terminology: Behavior, Criteria, SD, Bridge, Positive Reinforcement, LRS, Shaping a behavior, etc. |

- 11:45 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Dolphin Kitchen Experience: Managing the dolphins' diet, Fish Pull, Fish Prep, Making the dolphins' buckets, Vitamins and Medications.
- 1:30 PM Wade Encounter with the dolphins
- 2:30 PM Sanitary practices of cleaning buckets and cleaning the fish kitchen
- 3:00 PM Participate in a private swim with a trainer or multiple trainers. No public swimmers will be included in this program.
- 4:00 PM Wrap up and questions for the trainer. You can select a photo of yourself from the structured swim to be printed out as an 8x10". You will receive a book concerning *Starting Your Career As A Marine Mammal 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!