



# GREAT LAKES ALMANAC DECEMBER RESPONSES AT GREAT LAKES AQUARIUM (December 11 and 24, 2022)

## SURVEY QUESTIONS

- Choose an animal at the Aquarium for whom you want to give a gift. What would you give them?
- Describe a favorite (or recent) "gift" that you have received from nature. (i.e. birds building a nest in your backyard, icicle popsicles - yum!, hearing ice form on Lake Superior, etc)

## RESPONSES

Snapping turtle - big fish and a toothbrush for scratching his back; Zebra shark - a target and fish. Icicle popsicles, sticks and seeing trees - Rolland L, Arabella C and Niko C, Duluth, MN, ages 5, 10 and 11

I would give the turtle a Santa hat. I collected lava rock. - Ben S, Chicago, IL, age 36

I'd give the starfish a starfish; I'd give the bald eagle and vulture a ball that they could play with and claw. My dad gave me birch bark and I love birch bark; I got shells from the beach. We collected them and one had a top that was black and white. - Sage and Poppy H, Stillwater, MN, ages 8 and 5

I would give the sturgeon a toy sturgeon stuffy; I would give Snoopy (the skunk) a book on skunks. I found a crystal from a fairy that was clear and diamond shape; I want a fairy! - Rip O and Inez A , Duluth, MN, ages 5 and 5

I would give the alligators some fish. I like looking at the "ocean" (Lake Superior) when we drive by it. - Christian F, Duluth, MN, age 8

I would give a gift to the jelly fish. I like water in Lake Superior floating in winter. - W. Zhang, Duluth, MN, age 40+

I would give the skunk a bubble. I like hearing wood burning beside the fireplace- Jingyi L, Duluth, MN, age 32

I would give a gift to the snapping turtle. We enjoy the birdhouse in the yard - Anonymous, Cannon Falls, MN, age 5

The otters are my favorite! I would give them a gift to return to their natural habitat! Winter walks and hikes are a gift. - Leslie L, Minneapolis, MN, age 40

I would give the bald eagle the ability to fly. Our membership to the Aquarium is a recent gift! And the snow because we snowboard a lot. - Pamela F, Duluth, MN, age 34

I'd give the jelly fish more tanks for a larger exhibit where kids can continue to interact. Lots of snow! Building snowmen, sliding, snowball fights. - *Anonymous*

The electric eel: I would give him/her a lamp that they would have in their tank and a matching lamp that would be at the front desk. When the eel sends off the shock, the lamp at the front desk would light up. Climbing sticks for clambering up snowy hills. - *Solvei K, Edina, MN, age 6*

*I would give the little fish a winter toy. Snowmen, mud pies and bird feeders are recent gifts from nature.* - *Nicole K, Duluth, MN age 32*

*I would give the jellyfish toys and the cowfish food and a toy. I went sledding, found a cool stick. Rocks decorated by Lake Superior that other visitor's left for us to find.* - *Anonymous, Bemidji, MN, age 5*

*I would give the jellyfish whatever he loves. Sharks!* - *Lillian P, Hudson, WI, age 4*

*I would give the river otter a really cool tank: I would give the turtle a pool. When I got my seashell I could hear the waves in it; Swimming in a pool!* - *Katie and Rachel, West Bend, WI ages 7 and 4*

Starfish: I would give water and coral. Seeing the deer and trees. - *Robin L, Ashby, MN, age 5*

*I would give the otters a dragonfly. A snow day (no school!).* - *Anonymous*

The turtles, I would give them food. The turtle is pretty. Water - I like to catch the crayfish at the cabin and put them in a bucket. I like to play with them and give them names. I also create "pools" for them in the lake. - Madelyn K, Savage, MN, age 7

I would give the ducks some food; I would give the lion fish a squishy toy; I would give the alligator toys. Getting to go swimming; building a snowman 11-feet tall; I'm fascinated that alligators can live on land. - Kaitlynn, Landon and Jacob K, Crookston, MN, ages 8, 8 and 12

*I would give the sturgeon fish a back scrub brush. I received Christmas greenery baskets given to neighbors for decor. - Aspen P, Superior, WI, age 3*

*I would give the possum a ball. Shoveling snow, building a snowman and snow fort. - Rowan M, Duluth, MN, age 2*

*I would give the jellyfish a plushy jellyfish. Acorns (we kept them in a jar and a year later found dead bugs in the jar). - Brody, Spring Valley, MN, age 7*

*I would give the otters toys. Seeing the fish today was a gift. - Anonymous, Nashua, MN, age 2*

The puffer fish. I would give him food. Icicles. - Nola, Duluth, MN, age 5

*I would give the sunfish a picture. A recent gift is fishing in the lakes up north. - Leighton B, Lino Lakes, MN, age 5*