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NOVEMBER RESPONSES



AT GREAT LAKES AQUARIUM

SURVEY QUESTIONS

Finish the sentence: I am thankful I came to the Aquarium today because...

There is a cornucopia of beautiful things at the Aquarium. If you could collect any object you've seen at the Aquarium, what would it be and why?

Animals are starting to gather food for winter. Are you a collector? What do you collect from the natural world and why?

RESPONSES

I am glad I came today because I saw a lot of really cool things and learned facts I didn't know before (like I learned about a unicorn fish with a weird nose). I would collect fish specimens or fossils that I would show people at my house. I like to collect different kinds of books in a series and

ones that are rare or not available. I like picking up leaves. There is a tree by our house with leaves as big as your head. I like collecting them and showing them to my mom. - Sophia B, Maple Grove, MN, age 11

*I am glad I came today because my kids get to see and even feel some of the animals we get to learn about in our animal books! *I would collect* the armored fish fossil! *I like to collect* sticks! We always find sticks. - Laura F, Duluth, MN, age 31*

*I am glad I came today because of the slide (says every kid!) The interaction it provides my children. They take something new away every time we visit. It is fun to watch them learn! *I would collect* starfish ("I love them") and art projects. *I like collecting* agates. Lots of agates! - Kingsley and River C, Duluth, MN, ages 5 and 3.5*

*I am glad I came today because a lot more sturgeon came up for me to pet today. *I would collect* an otter because they're super cute. I would name it Shellington. *I like to collect* sea glass because a lot of the colors go nice with the colors in my room. - Petra EH, Duluth, MN, age 9*

*I am glad I came today because we love to learn and play as a family. We love to play in the treehouse. Kids will take good naps. *I would collect* the otters. *I like to collect* leaves. - Anonymous, Woodbury, MN, age 2*

*I am glad I came today because we like animals and activities. *I would collect* turtles, favorite pet. *I would collect* acorns for squirrels, grass for horses and cookies for me. - Bennett and Ellie, Duluth, MN, ages 3 and 8*

*I am glad I came today because I get to spend the day with my friends looking at really cool stuff. *I would collect* a shipwreck *I like to collect* crystals, shells, and Pokemon. - Anonymous*

*I am glad I came today because I wanted to see the alligators and the fish. *I would collect* pressed pennies and art. *I like to collect* rocks and seashells and agates because I like them. - Quinn R, Esko, MN, age 4*

I am glad I came today because I love seeing the joy and excitement in my children. The giant moose statue would be a really fun addition to my yard. I would collect sea water that I would put in a jar so I can smell the sea when I miss it. - Ozzy, St Paul, MN, age 33

I am glad I came today because both my kids had the opportunity to experience unique parts of the natural world, while staying warm. I would collect the artifacts from shipwrecks because they are fascinating to me. I collected agates as a kid and now my kids collect rocks, leaves, sticks and pine cones. - Jon S, Duluth, MN, age 43

I am thankful I came today because its fun, I like the otters. I like to collecting rocks because I like looking at all the pretty designs on them. - Katie R, Superior, WI, age 12

I am glad I came today because we had so much fun exploring all sort of things from fresh and salty waters. Jane liked the wolf. I would collect the anemones and coral. I like to collect firewood! To heat our house. Jane collects sea glass ("jewels"). - Luke, Erica and Jane B, Duluth, MN, ages 34, 34 and 4

I am glad I came today because we love watching the snakes. I love watching my kiddos explore the amazing world of our great lakes and I've value to water. I would collect all the animals. We seem to take them home as stuffies. We like to collect...apparently stuffies. Sticks and rocks, ice chunks. A new buff and neck gaitors! - Hillary BS and family, Duluth, MN, age 32

I am glad I came today because I got to color. I would collect the eagle - it could fly. I like to collect rocks. They are pretty and different. - Kolson K, Crookston, MN, age 6

I am thankful I came today because there are fishies. I would keep my fishy picture because I like fishies. I like to keep leaves and tree nuts because they're cool and I like to look at them. - Jordi R, Fisher, MN, age 6

I am thankful I came today because I want to see the fishes. I got to touch a jellyfish. It felt so much like jelly. We got to play with boats in the water pool. I would collect rocks. I like to collect rocks, agates, seashells and boxelder bugs. - Josie O, Bayport, MN, age 5 1/2

I am glad I came today because I am able to color pictures. I would collect snowflake the sturgeon. I like to collect pine cones. - Anonymous

I am glad I came today because I could play in the 5 Great Lakes. I would collect boats because I want to drive them. I like to collect rocks and salamanders because they are all over the backyard. - Henry C, Duluth, MN, age 3

I am glad I came today because I got to play and touch fish and because it might make other people come here. I would collect the play area because its like a house made out of a tree. We collect agates because we like them. - Ananna, Ramsey, MN, age 5

I am glad I came today because my kids enjoy the variety of fish and things to do. They especially love the sturgeon. I would collect the seahorses. I like to collect rocks. Lake Superior agates are gorgeous. Blankets: they keep us warm this time of year. - Brad R and kids, Superior, WI, age 32

I am glad I came today because I liked trying to pet the sturgeon (3-year old Nora). I love learning anything about nature and seeing it. I would collect the jellyfish because they are beautiful and make me feel peaceful. My husband and I look for heart shaped stones when we go hiking, especially new places. - Christy S, Excelsior, MN, age 60

I am glad I came today because it's great for our family and educational. I would collect all the fish. - Rory O, Hibbing, MN, age 36

I am glad I came today because I like the project. I would collect the water table - it was fun. I like to collect leaves and feathers - they are cool. - Hattie T, Cottage Grove, MN, age 2

I am glad I came today because it is a fun indoor space for young kids when it is cold outside. I would collect the snapping turtle because I like it. I collect rocks and beach glass because they're shiny. - Finley, Superior, WI, age 5

I am glad I came today because I enjoy watching my kids have fun and learn new things. The interactive displays are my favorite. - Anonymous

I am glad I came today because my granddaughter really enjoys it. I would collect the seahorses. They are endlessly fascinating. - Mark and Maddie R, Duluth, MN, ages 63 and 6

I am glad I came today because of the touching sturgeons and art projects. I would collect the fish. I collect wildlife and let it go. Seashells, agates and granite. - Toby and Ella, Superior, WI, ages 5 and 7