

GREAT LAKES ALMANAC OCTOBER RESPONSES AT GREAT LAKES AQUARIUM

(October 16 and 23, 2022)



SURVEY QUESTIONS

- *It's autumn and the leaves have turned. What red, yellow and orange animals and plants have you seen so far at the Aquarium?*
- *Halloween is almost here. What creatures at the Aquarium have scared you today and why?*
- *If you could be any of the animals at the Aquarium for Halloween, which would you choose and why?*

RESPONSES

October 23:

Moose (brown) and turtles (red). A snapping turtle, because they are so big. **A giant moose because they have big horns** - Winston M, Chaska, MN, age 5

None. Out in the wild, bears scare me because they have sharp claws. Noting at today's visit is scary though. **I'd like to be a turtle because they have a pretty shell** - Anonymous, Chaska, MN, age 6

No, but I am looking for a leopard. Anna, age 4, says none of them are scary. She says they're all pretty cool. **A fish - a crappie.**
- Anna D, Duluth, MN, age 4

The starfish. The big ancient fish surprised me that it would have been bigger than a human. **Turtle.** - Chastely, Minneapolis, MN, age 13

Bugs. Crocodiles because I am afraid they might bite me. **A bald eagle because I like them.** - Layla K, Hibbing, MN, age 8

No. The ancient fish with the huge head skeleton that's on display - so big! **A snapping turtle because it scared me.** - Michael L and Marian L, West St Paul, MN, age 34 and 4

Yes, the ducks. The big snapper turtle was a surprise on how big they can get. **The moose because it is so big.** - Anonymous

Yes, in the coral. The big fish mouth (ancient) - scary to see such a big fish up close. **A duck! We have always loved ducks.** - Amanda A, New Richmond, WI, age 31

The turkey vulture has a red head, the bald eagle has a yellow beak, the turtle has red stripes around its shell and yellow on the head, feet and shell. The big picture of the fish at the entrance surprised me. It had spots. The snapping turtle was also scary because it was looking right at me! **The snapping turtle! Because I like to clap and that looks like snap!** - Clinton, age 8

Yes, the tiger salamander. Yes, the snakes. **A ninja frog.** - Easton P, Cloquet, MN, age 5

Orange clownfish. Electric eel and alligator. **Otter.** - Sierra J, Duluth, MN, age 34

October 16, sunny and warm
(didn't ask the costume question)

Sea stars (both squishy and hard ones), pumpkins in the planters, goldfish in the sturgeon tank, birch tree leaves through the window. People, just because they're strangers - Sara B and daughter, Duluth, MN, age 40 and 2

Eagle - yellow. Painted turtle - yellow/red. Corn snake - yellow. None, why? Big fish - teeth. - Melissa S, Hastings, MN

Wood duck and brown trout. Alligator and snapping turtle (big!) - Alex O, Minocqua, WI, age 36

Tetras, starfish, yellow slide, red bottom of fish, stuffed orange octopus in gift shop, yellow paddles. Snakes - so slithery. - Amanda Z with Bruce and Maddux, Esko, MN, ages 8 and 6 (Bruce and Maddux)

Fish, algae, plants, trees. Fish - the coho salmon because they all dispersed at once and they scare me and I jumped. - Terri P, age 66

Starfish, turtle, wood duck. An eagle because he had big claws. A snapping turtle because he had big claws. - Magnolia R, Lewiston, MN, age 4

Starfish, painted turtle, trout and purple flowers in the skunk exhibit. Skunk because it's black and we don't want to get sprayed. Starfish - I'm kind of nervous of them biting me and what they feel like . - Mabel W, Duluth, MN, age 6

Red slider turtle. Salmon with red mouths. The duck that was missing one eye (the pirate duck!) Interesting more than scary. The eye socket was covered over with feathers and no traces of gore. - Coralina P, St Paul, MN, age 12

Orange - goldfish, red - rainbow trout stripe. Surprised by the egg in the turtle/duck enclosure. - Sophia B, Clear Lake, WI, age 8

Turtle, ducks. Fish. - Marlee D, Curtis, WI, age 3

Orange clownfish. Electric eel because it was so big - Nadia Z, Des Moines, IA, age 6

Otter (brown), burnt orange lamprey, jellyfish - yellow stripes. Electric eel - wow! It is long. Stick bugs - if I was outside, I wouldn't know they were there. Turkey vulture - bigger than I thought and also a "vulture!" - Cameron, Minneapolis, MN, age 19

Red squirrel, fox and puffer fish. Lamprey, electric eel, tiger shark, blue-eyed fish (big, gray and black) - *Juna N and Lillian J, Minneapolis, MN, ages 7 and 6*

I saw a chocolate cichlid that was bright yellow. A lamprey was scary because it had very sharp teeth things. - *Bianca Z, Des Moines, IA, age 8*