

GREAT LAKES  
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RESPONSES  
AT GREAT LAKES  
AQUARIUM

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SURVEY QUESTIONS

- *How or where have you experienced wonder or felt curious at the Aquarium today*
- *Describe an experience in the natural world when you felt wonder or became curious*

RESPONSES

The coral makes me curious. The middle ground between human and animal. Mushrooms are in a similar category. They are intelligent...but what is intelligence? Standing at the base of Devils Tower/Bear Lodge, I felt overwhelmed with unanswered questions. How did this feature form? - *Micah C, Duluth, MN, age 22*

I thought the cichlid is pretty cool because it looks like scales. And even like the scales (sequins) on shirts people wear. I learned that octopus can smell and taste with their legs. - *Hazel D, age 6*

The sizes of the lesser known things amaze me. I was sitting on a rock outcrop in the bottom of the Grand Canyon, on the Colorado River. With the Great Unconformity\* standing in front of me. I was filled with questions of what happened in those 1 billion years that we don't know? - Lilly J, Duluth, MN, age 22

\*The Great Unconformity is a gap of missing time in the geological record between 100 million and 1 billion years long, and it occurs in different rock sections around the world.

Lionfish. Rainbows. - Isabelle H, age 5

The kids are always amazed by the jelly fish and the sturgeon tank where they get to touch the fish. My relationship with God has kept me in a state of wonder and amazement. To be able to see and experience his creation has grown a curiosity for more of him. - Ryan, Anders and Hannah B, Duluth, MN, ages 9 and 4

That zebra shark have spots instead of stripes. That the skunk had a weird heart disease and died. I like the alligators. One looked at Aubrey and started drooling. - Elsie and Aubrey, Dent, MN, ages 7.5 and 4.5

The weather station upstairs. Looking at rocks while camping - Michelle R, MN

Dudes and turtles amazed my small children. The sturgeon are very "slimy." - Anonymous

Starfish touch pool. Always questioning where they live and what they do/eat. Finding rocks and crayfish along the rivers - Anonymous, Hermantown, MN

Through repetition of coming and seeing how the animals change locations, size or behavior each time. Also watching our kiddo explore on her own and lead us to what she wants to see. Everything is so visual! Hiking, walking on trails and making sure we relate what we see in nature to connect to other things we see in the world or the aquarium. - *Anonymous, Duluth, MN, ages 35-36*

The tree slide was great. Climbing inside a tree is always an experience. Going tubing on a lake - *Anonymous*

How water pressure works with gravity. I like to find squirrels and white squirrels. I like to get close to deer. Big and tiny grasshoppers and toads and froggies. - *Coraline K, Ely, MN, age 6*

I learned in the shipwreck room that fiber glass disintegrates in the sea. I was at Caribou Lake and there were little minnows that were nibbling at my toes. I didn't know why they were doing that. Were they eating my dead skin? - *Piper P Saginaw, MN, age 7*

Watching the walking stick; all the fish - how salmon look; pretty ducks. Watching ducks on our pond; seeing bald eagles and other large birds. - *Bonnie Y, Ward, SD age 61*

Different fish and bugs you don't see ever. Exploring outdoors in different places. - *Maria S, Clinton, MN, age 25*

The water and boats; the cast of the giant fish skull. Seeing mushrooms grow in the woods; seeing the deer in the woods - *Anonymous, Duluth, MN, age 4.5*

There is a lot of information to choose. In a lake at my spaint scout camp there were a ton of fish - wondering what they were.

- *Anonymous, age 14*

When I saw the jelly fish. I love them and felt happy; I learned what a watershed was and that the Hudson Bay is its own (watershed). Any time we see large birds of prey. - *Anonymous, age 5*

I thought the starfish exhibit was very cool. I didn't touch them because I get weirded out. I love the lamprey's mouth and teeth. The jelly fish is soft. On hikes with dad, I like finding rocks and seeing waterfalls. - *Maxwell and Juniper M, Duluth, MN, age 3.5*

Giant fish that lived millions of years ago! Shipwrecks! The stick bug was amazing - we got to hold it and learn all about it. Hiking - collecting fall leaves in different colors and shapes. With our pets - guinea pigs - thinking about their natural habitats. - *Erin E, age 42*