



## **Dive into the Fascinating World of Sharks**

*Girls in Grades 3 through 7 are invited to join The Discovery and the Gills Club for an exciting new program that brings shark science to life, June 8*

**RENO, Nev. (May 20, 2024)** – Embark on an underwater adventure and discover the incredible world of sharks with The Discovery’s latest program, **The Gills Club: Shark Exploration**, presented in partnership with the [Gills Club](#). Set for June 8 at The Discovery, this free program offers girls in grades 3–7 a unique opportunity to engage with shark science through hands-on activities, interactive exhibits, and expert talks.

“The Gills Club: Shark Exploration is an amazing collaboration that allows us to dive deep into the fascinating lives of sharks and their importance in marine ecosystems,” said Mat Sinclair, President/CEO of The Discovery. “We’re thrilled to partner with the Gills Club to bring this educational and inspiring experience to our community.”

Girls will participate in a variety of hands-on activities led by Gills Club scientist and The Discovery’s Museum Education Coordinator Maggie McClain such as exploring the anatomy of preserved sharks, including understanding how shark vertebrae are an indicator of their age. Participants in the grades 6-7 session will also get to perform a necropsy to further study the internal anatomy of a shark.

The Gills Club is an education initiative of the Atlantic White Shark Conservancy, which focuses on empowering young girls to pursue careers in shark and marine science. The Gills Club harnesses girls’ passion for sharks, nature and the environment by giving them the opportunity to engage in projects focused on making a significant impact on the way sharks are perceived by the public.

The Gills Club: Shark Exploration aims to inspire curiosity and a deeper understanding of these often-misunderstood creatures. Through engaging activities and expert insights, participants will gain a greater appreciation for the vital role sharks play in maintaining the health of our oceans.

The program includes two sessions: a morning session from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for girls in grades 3-5, where registrants are required to have an adult attend with them; and an afternoon session from 1 to 4 p.m. for girls in grades 6-7. The program is free for both members and non-members. Museum admission is not included for non-members but can be added to the session registration.

For more information and to register, visit [nvdmm.org/event/the-gills-club-shark-exploration](https://nvdmm.org/event/the-gills-club-shark-exploration).

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### **About The Discovery**

The Discovery creates interest and engagement in science for all. Through unique, hands-on programs, exhibitions and events, The Discovery creates learning experiences that range from simple curiosity to deep understanding, empowering a community of critical thinkers. The Discovery is a locally founded nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. To learn more about The Discovery and how you can help support the museum's mission, visit [www.nvdm.org](http://www.nvdm.org).