



Adopt a *Wild Thing* ...in school!

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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's)

What will our 'adoption' include?

Your adoption package will include:

- Certificate of Adoption – An animal adoption certificate to hang in your classroom will include information about your adopted friend
- Plush Animal or Framed 8x10 photo of your animal- A lovable classroom mascot for display!
- A class set (25 cards) of wallet sized photo and fact cards for your students
- A classroom subscription to the Museum's *Paws & Reflect* newsletter
- Opportunity for your class to win a VLM Animal Program at your school!
- Opportunity for ONE class from your school to attend the VLM *Party with the Wild Things* event!

How do classrooms/clubs participate?

Join as a classroom or school club (i.e. Key Club) and raise funds any way you choose (during the month of March) to adopt one, a few or *all* of the VLM animals!

- Be creative; make up games or contests to collect loose change.
- Have teachers make silly wagers between classrooms and email that information home to parents.
- Encourage recycling with a soda can and bottle collection! Cash in your recycling for Adoption money!
- Invite your principal to give awards (longer recess, lunch line snack award...) to increase participation.
- Encourage relatives and neighbors to chip in!

How much does it cost to Adopt a *Wild Thing*...in school?

There is no registration fee, the adoption levels begin at \$25.00. Check out the *Animals to Adopt* page for specific guidelines. Set a goal to adopt one, a few or *all* of the VLM animals!

Where does our Adopted animal live?

Your new friend lives at the Virginia Living Museum, under the watchful care of our trained Curatorial Staff and Veterinary Technician. Your class will receive a plush animal mascot!

What does the Museum provide?

- Adoption package for each adopting classroom or club.
- Adoption Awards for the top grossing classrooms or clubs in each category.
- Celebration event in the late spring at the Museum.
- All promotional materials for the event to include posters, stickers & fun animal facts.
- Administration of the program to include processing of donations to the Virginia Living Museum for animal care expenses.

How many classes from our school can participate?

No limit! As many as you'd like! Perhaps your SCA would oversee this program.

What is the celebration event?

An awards ceremony at the Museum! Participating schools* choose ONE classroom to represent the school at the *Party with the Wild Things* event to be held from 9:30-12:00pm on June 1, 2012

Each school is responsible for transportation to the museum (need not be present to win an award.)

*Schools whom have donated a minimum of \$175.00 to the program.

What are the dates for this program?

- February 17, 2012: Registration deadline
- February 27, 2012: Fundraising Packets delivered to participating classrooms/clubs
- March 1-30, 2012: Adoption Fundraising Project Month
- April 13, 2012: Deadline for reporting donations with *The Final Count* form
- April 20, 2012: Deadline to submit Adoption donation funds
- June 1, 2012: *Party with the Wild Things* event at the VLM

How are the awards determined?

The top (3) classrooms or clubs in each category with the most donations raised and received by the VLM by April 20, 2012 will receive awards.

Elementary Classroom:	Award for 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place
Middle Classroom:	Award for 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place
School Club:	Award for 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place
College Club:	Award for 1 st , 2 nd & 3 rd Place

**In addition, a Grand Prize will be awarded for *Overall Top Fundraising Classroom or Club*:
Choose the animal 'mascot' for next year's *Adopt a Wild Thing in school* program!**

Award winners will be posted on the VLM website.

BONUS:

- **The highest grossing school (over \$1,000 in donations) will receive a complimentary VLM Animal Program!***
- **All schools with over \$500 in donations will be entered into a drawing to win a complimentary VLM Animal Program* at your school!**
- **Each teacher participating will be entered into a drawing for a personal VLM membership!**

(*Mutually acceptable date to be determined)

How do I get started?

Simply complete one registration form for each classroom or club that is interested and fax, email or mail by February 17, 2012. Full program details are available online: www.thevlm.org/AWTinSchool.aspx

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