



## SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Beaches

### K-3 Classroom Activities

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## Stingray Shuffle

### OBJECTIVE

Students will identify beach and stingray characteristics.

### ACTION

1. Gather students in a circle. Pretend to travel to the beach by taking one small hop toward the center. Ask students what they see (sand, water, birds) and feel (breeze, gritty sands, cool water).
2. Tell students about sting rays, a fish that buries itself in the sand in shallow water at the beach. Sing the Stingray Shuffle once, using role play movements.
3. Ask students to join in singing the song a second time.
4. After singing the song (repeat any number of times), ask students to return to desks. Distribute color funsheet with crayons or marks. Students can take funsheet home to share with families.

### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Stingrays are fishes, related to sharks. Their “wings” are expanded pectoral fins that are fused to the head. Stingrays hide from predators and search for prey in the sand on the ocean bottom.

Sometimes stingrays swim and hide in water that is very shallow along a sandy beach. If you go swimming at the beach, you could shuffle your feet in the sand as you go wading. Stingrays can hear the shuffling noise and have time to swim away before you get close to them.

## STINGRAY SHUFFLE

(to the tune of “The Wheels of the bus”)

The stingrays at the beach,  
flap their fins  
flap their fins  
flap their fins  
The stingrays at the beach,  
flap their fins  
to swim around the sea.

The stingrays at the beach,  
hide in the sand,  
hide in the sand,  
hide in the sand,  
The stingrays at the beach,  
hide in the sand  
so they can't be seen.

People at the beach should,  
shuffle their feet  
shuffle their feet  
shuffle their feet  
People at the beach should,  
shuffle their feet,  
so the rays can swim away.

### ACTIONS

flap their fins: move arms up and down

hide in the sand: squat with hands on head

shuffle their feet: stand and move feet back and forth

## MATERIALS

### For each student group:

- copies of “Stingrays at the Beach”
- crayons or markers



To swim, rays move their side fins up and down.

# stingrays at the beach

