GRADES 3-5: INDOOR EXHIBIT GUIDE

Answers can be found by reading exhibit signs or by observing animals in their habitats.

VIRGINIA’S COASTAL PLAIN GALLERY (Upper Level)

How many species of plants and animals live in the Chesapeake Bay? __________________________

What can flounders do to hide from their prey and predators?

A. Swim upside down  B. Change color  C. Puff up to look bigger

VIRGINIA’S PIEDMONT AND MOUNTAINS GALLERY (Upper Level)

A __________________________ can copy a rattlesnake by hissing loudly and rattling its tail in leaves.

APPALACHIAN MOUNTAIN COVE (Upper Level)

The Blue Ridge Mountains are made of greenstone, a rock that tells us these mountains were once

A. Volcanoes  B. Glaciers  C. Sandy beaches

STAIRCASE (Lower Level)

Dinosaurs made tracks in Virginia over ___________ million years ago.

VIRGINIA’S UNDERGROUND GALLERY (Lower Level)

What kinds of fossils do you see at the River Bank exhibit? (Circle all that apply.)

A. Shells  B. Bones  C. Teeth

VIRGINIA’S WORLD OF DARKNESS GALLERY (Lower Level)

What animal uses echolocation to hunt for insects? ________________________________

CY Press SWAMP (Lower Level)

The Cypress Swamp exhibit has many turtles. How many turtles can you see? (Count) ________
OTTER EXHIBIT

What adaptations make an otter a good swimmer? (Circle all that apply)

A. Webbed feet  B. Hard shell  C. Thick tail used like a rudder

COASTAL PLAIN AVIARY

Look at the birds in this exhibit. Which bird has a long sharp beak to stab prey like fish?

A. Pelican  B. Egret  C. Duck

RED WOLF EXHIBIT

How are red wolves different from gray wolves?

A. Reds are smaller.  B. Reds are members of the dog family.  C. Reds are carnivores.

DINOSAUR TRAIL

Name one dinosaur that is a carnivore (meat-eater): ________________________________

Name one dinosaur that is a herbivore (plant-eater): ________________________________

BOBCAT EXHIBIT

Bobcats, like most wild cats, live alone as adults. TRUE or FALSE (Circle one)

WHITE-TAILED DEER EXHIBIT

What does the white-tailed deer use to warn the rest of the herd of danger?

A. Hooves  B. Antlers  C. Tail

RED FOX EXHIBIT compared to GRAY FOX EXHIBIT

Which fox can climb trees using their claws? (Circle one)

A. Red fox  B. Gray fox