

All About Otters!

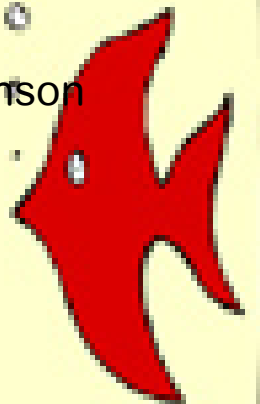
Did you know that otters have all the equipment that scuba divers have - naturally? Or that baby otters have to take swimming lessons? How do otters dive underwater but never get wet? What are their favorite games? What do they eat and where do they live? If you would like to know the answers to these and many other questions about otters, then join "Mr. B" (Public Educator at the Phoenix Zoo) as he takes you on an exciting journey to learn "All About Otters"!

Recommended websites for further study on otters:

- ‡ www.wildlifesearch.com
- ‡ www.arkive.org
- ‡ www.sandiegozoo.org
- ‡ www.nationalgeographic.com
- ‡ www.phoenixzoo.org

Recommended books for further study on otters:

- ‡ "Welcome to the World of Otters" by Diane Swanson
- ‡ "The Otter" by Alison Imbriaco
- ‡ "Sea Otters" by G. R. Vanblaricom



This 'Otter' keep you busy!

Activity 1

You are visiting a friend from Australia who has never seen an otter! How do you describe one to them?

Activity 2

There are many different types of otter that live all over the world. Research where the different species live then write the names on a map of the world. Color in the countries that they can be found in.

Activity 3

Research interesting facts about otters and then create a rap song using what you learned in the lyrics.

Challenge Questions

- ⌄ What pieces of equipment do scuba divers and otters have in common?
- ⌄ How does an otter's skin stay dry underwater?
- ⌄ Why do otters continue to play even as adults?
- ⌄ How do otters take swimming lessons?
- ⌄ Why do young otters play a diving game?

