



# Scute's Ocean Adventure Teacher's Guide

## Program Summary

Join Scute, the Loggerhead Sea Turtle and GSTC mascot, for an unforgettable adventure! This theatrical wonder tells the tale of Scute's travels in the sea and encounters with other coastal characters, until a strange happening lands him in the helpful hands of Dr. Norton, the Center's one and only veterinarian. .

## Key Vocabulary

*Hawksbill sea turtle*—sea turtle that has a beautiful tortoiseshell pattern

*Loggerhead sea turtle*—most common sea turtle in Georgia

*Leatherback sea turtle*—largest sea turtle, has a leathery soft shell

*Carapace*—Sea turtle's top shell

*Scutes*—layer of keratin that make up scales on top of a sea turtle's shell

*Flipper*—Sea turtle's "arms"; used to pull them through the water and help swim

*Sargassum Weed*—seaweed that turtles float in and camouflage with

*Shrimp Trawl Net*—A net used to catch shrimp

*Veterinarian*—A doctor that takes care of animals

## Activities

Discuss the different animals that live on our planet and why we need to keep the Earth clean for them. Take your kids on a walk around the school grounds and collect garbage that could be harmful to animals (garbage bags, candy wrappers, soda cans, etc). Talk about why each of those items is bad for animals and what we could do with them instead (throw away trash, recycle, reuse). Make a new item out of recycled materials (i.e. a pencil cup out of recycled soup can, or an animal using an old CD as the body).



**This program was designed to align with the Georgia Performance Standards. Each applicable standard is shown in the table to the right.**

Grade Level	Kindergarten	1st
Correlating Georgia Performance Standards	SKL1.b ELAKR6.a ELAKR6.c	S1L1.b ELA1R6.a ELA1R6.c