

## **Inquiry for Educators**

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Agencies educational programs are enhanced when staff use inquiry based methods. Teachers across the country in Math, Science and History are incorporating more inquiry based lessons into their classrooms and want guest speakers and programs to use inquiry instead of the typical show and tell method. There are different types of inquiry learning; some are more structured than others. Inquiry may involve searching for answers in the library or on the internet or making direct observations to discover the answer to a question. Inquiry based lessons encourage students to ask the questions they would like to know the answers to. Conservation Educators will find additional information about inquiry on the National Science Teachers Association website at [www.nsta.org](http://www.nsta.org). This session introduced inquiry using the toolkit “Science As Inquiry” from NSTA and BSCS, 2001. The toolkit may be available from state Building a Presence for Science Coordinators, to find your coordinator visit [www.nsta.org/bap](http://www.nsta.org/bap). Participants tried their inquiry skills with a pendulum exercise and then with wildlife skulls and pelts.