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Hours

We are now on our winter-hours schedule and are open to the public Saturday, Sunday and Monday, 10am-5pm, and for drop in programs. Members can visit any day of the week simply by calling ahead.

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Love our groups!!!

Any idea where the leather from your Timberland boots comes from??? Well this week we had the pleasure of hosting one of my favorite volunteer groups here at the Center; Prime Asia. They would be the guys and gals behind the scenes of many of the shoe companies we know and love. They process the leather that is sold to the shoe makers to be fabricated into the boots and shoes we wear each day. I don't know about you, but I had never thought about the many steps it must take to put a good shoe together. Prime Asia is located both here in the seacoast area and in China. This wonderful company comes to us about 3 times per year to do what ever I ask of them, sometimes dragging along folks from the far east that don't speak English well. This week, they worked on painting the blue walls behind the tanks. One of the many jobs I had on my list for the big clean-up week, that did not get done. This is one of those kinds of jobs that is not very flashy, but really makes a difference in the over all look of the Center.

In the past, I have asked this group to take up and clean the tiles in the exhibit hall, take up and clean the foam flooring in the Discovery Den, put together the Marine Mammal Kits for the volunteers. They have painted miles of walls and cleaned acres of surfaces over the years. But what's really special about this group is their enthusiasm, spunk and laughter. It starts at the top, with the owner and it runs through out the group. The weirder the job the more they enjoy it, and the more they laugh! And what could really be better than a bunch of coworkers, volunteering their time and finding joy at the same time???

So the next time you buy a new pair of leather shoes, think about the group that might be behind the leather and take a moment to be thankful for their volunteerism...or at least be thankful for warm feet!!

**Wearing my boots with joy,
 Laura**

