Who are you swimming with?
Turn your family tree into an orca pod

Orca Scientists,

Our resident killer whales travel in large family groups called pods. These pods are led by the oldest female and include all of her blood-related family members. Our whales usually stay with their grandmother, mother, sisters and brothers for their entire lives. Remember, if you were a Southern Resident orca you would only be traveling with your mom’s side of the family. A whale’s father does not usually travel with his offspring, because he is traveling with his mother’s pod. Put on your imagination and change your family tree into an orca pod. Everybody’s pod will be different!

1. In one of these boxes, write the name of the oldest living female on your mom’s side. It might be your great grandma.

2. In these three boxes below, write the names your aunts and uncles. These are your mom’s brothers and sisters. Give them scientific names too! The older they are the lower their number.

3. In this box write names of any of your cousins.

4. In these 2 boxes below write the names of your brothers and sisters and any other young people who you live with. What’s your scientific name?