Each spring, Horseshoe Crabs come to Delaware beaches to lay their eggs. Test your knowledge about horseshoe crabs with the puzzle below. Visit our website at https://www.deseagrant.org/hsc-survey to learn more about horseshoe crabs.
Clues

Across

3) The _______ Bay has the greatest number of spawning horseshoe crabs in the world.

6) Horseshoe crabs have to _______ in order to grow.

9) If you find a live horseshoe crab stranded _______ on the beach, you can help it by flipping it over. (2 words) Visit the Delaware Sea Grant website at https://www.deseagrant.org/hsc-survey to learn more about proper handling of horseshoe crabs.

11) The color of horseshoe crab eggs is _______.

12) Horseshoe crabs are called living _______ because they have not evolved in millions of years.

13) In Delaware, horseshoe crab spawning is greatest at high tide during the full or new ______ in May and June.

15) A recently hatched Horseshoe crab is called a ________.

16) Each spring, scientist conduct a ______ of the horseshoe crabs to count the number of males and females that are spawning on the beach.

Down

1) Protein from Horseshoe crab ______ is used in to test vaccines and medical instruments.

2) The tail of the horseshoe crab is called a ______.

4) The horseshoe crabs have their skeleton on the outside of their body. This is called an _____________.

5) Horseshoe crabs are _________, a group of animals with segmented bodies and jointed legs.

7) Fishermen use horseshoe crabs for ______.

8) Horseshoe crabs come up on the beach in the spring to ________.

10) The ______ horseshoe crabs are often the smaller one seen on the beach.

12) There are ______ species of horseshoe crabs in the world.

13) Red Knots are shorebirds that ______ thousands of miles from South American to the Arctic to breed. On their way, they stop in Delaware to eat horseshoe crab eggs which give them energy to finish their journey.

14) Horseshoe crabs breathe using ________.