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2004 Winter Calendar of Events

(Please note: Hours for November through February, Saturday – Thursday 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and Friday 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.)

JANUARY

FRIDAYS AFTER FIVE

September 12 through March 28

Prices take a dive on Friday evenings after 5 p.m. Aquarium admission is available at a special discount rate of \$5 per person. Tickets are sold until 8 p.m., and visitors can remain in the building until 10 p.m. Fridays after Five is a great time for visitors to enjoy the tropics of the Amazon Rain Forest during the cold winter months. For more information, call 410-576-3800.

BREAKFAST WITH THE SHARKS

January 3, 8:30-10:00 a.m.

What do sharks eat for breakfast? Visitors will learn the answer to that question and more by meeting the Aquarium staff who care for the sharks. Visitors will see staff perform medical check-ups and will learn how to protect sharks and their habitat. Program includes admission to the Aquarium. Ages 8 and up. \$14 members, \$24 non-members. For more information call 410-727-FISH.

BE A JUNIOR SCIENTIST

January 11, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Calling all future shark researchers! Visitors can join Aquarium staff in the galleries as they study shark behaviors. Afterward, they will go behind the scenes to see how Aquarium staff members care for these top predators. Guests will interact with live animals and tour the Rain Forest to complete the morning. Program does not include Aquarium admission. Ages 8-10. \$20 members, \$25 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

WETLAND CONSERVATION

January 17, 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.

In this first of a four-part series of Aquarium programs, guests take part in an exciting interactive activity to learn the important role that wetlands play in the health of the Chesapeake Bay. A model of the marsh will be provided, and kids can use their imagination to become the animals that inhabit the wetlands! Guests can attend one session or all four. Information on future sessions can be found on the Aquarium's website--www.aqua.org. Program does not include Aquarium admission. Ages 11-14. \$20 members, \$25 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

January 23, 7:30 p.m.- 10:00 p.m.

Kids + Fish + Stars = Family Fun Night at the Aquarium! Kids can meet other kids, handle live animals, and have a snack before walking through the galleries to learn more about our 10,500 animals. One adult and one child make up each team. \$28 member team, \$38 non-member team. (Add an additional sibling to the team for \$12 members, \$17 non-members. Limit of two children per adult.) Ages 4-7. For more information call, 410-727-FISH.

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JANUARY

BREAKFAST WITH THE DOLPHINS

January 24, 9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

After a continental breakfast, guests will join the Aquarium's dolphins and marine mammal trainers for a close-up look at a dolphin's day. Guests will learn how Aquarium staff members perform medical check-ups, how they train new behaviors, why playtime is important, and how they can protect dolphins and their habitat. A trainer will answer questions after the presentation. Then, guests can stick around and enjoy the day's first scheduled dolphin show! Program includes admission to the Aquarium. Ages 3-adult. \$14 members, \$24 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

AQUARIUM MORNINGS FOR LITTLE ONES

January 24, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

The Aquarium introduces the first in a new series designed especially for the youngest Aquarium fans! Toddlers can explore the slow world of snails with a story and interact with some of the Aquarium's laid-back friends all before naptime. Programs include Aquarium admission and a take-home craft. One adult and one child make up each team. \$20 member team, \$35 non-member team. Ages 2-3. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

FEBRUARY

Coral Reef Escape!

February through March

Escape the cold, gray days of winter and plunge into the colorful waters surrounding Coral Reefs – right here in Baltimore! **The National Aquarium in Baltimore** and **The Maryland Science Center** invite guests to explore the beauty and grandeur of Coral Reefs in two distinct ways. Revel at the splendor of the National Aquarium in Baltimore's *Atlantic Coral Reef*, *Pacific Coral Reef* and *Occupying; Live Coral* exhibits – cast away winter blues with our winter blues, vibrant red, stunning greens, and magnificent yellows that will transport you from Baltimore's Inner Harbor to tropical paradise. Then, travel around the world on a giant screen expedition in ***Coral Reef Adventure***, Maryland Science Center's new IMAX film. From Fiji to Tahiti, Bora Bora to Australia, this incredible film captures the undersea world as only IMAX films can—larger than life. Narrated by Liam Neeson with featured music by Crosby, Stills, and Nash. Visit www@aqua.org or www@mdsci.org for additional information and discount coupons.

WATER = LIFE: AN AQUARIUM BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION

Every Friday in February after 5:00 p.m.

The National Aquarium in Baltimore announces the return of its annual Black History Month celebration every Friday evening after 5 p.m. in February! Be inspired every Friday throughout the month to experience a family affair that's sure to move the spirit and enlighten the young and young-at-heart. Visit www.aqua.org for more information about featured artists and performances; children's activities and other exciting ways to dive into our water world.

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FEBRUARY

AQUATIC ANIMAL ADAPTATIONS AND BEHAVIORS February 2, 9:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.

Elementary school-aged children who are looking to get his/her hands wet will have a chance at the first in a series of new Aquarium programs just for them. From spines to shells, eyes to fins, aquatic animals have amazing adaptations to help them survive. Kids, 5-7 years old, look for clues in the Aquarium galleries as to how underwater friends survive in their watery world. Then, guests can make a craft to take home. Program does not include Aquarium admission. Ages 5-7. \$15 members, \$20 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

BREAKFAST WITH THE SHARKS

February 8, 8:30 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

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AQUATIC ANIMAL HOMES

February 8, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

A story, live animals, arts and crafts – what more could a preschooler want? Preschoolers will gather 'round for a tale about a hermit crab in search of a home; followed by a live animal interaction, and craft-making that will introduce them to animal homes. Program includes Aquarium admission. One adult and one child make up each team. Ages 3-5. \$20 member team, \$35 non-member team. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

ADULT SLEEPOVER

February 13, 7:30 p.m.- 9:00 a.m.

Just for ADULTS! Guests over 21 can join Aquarium staff for an adult sleepover and an evening of fun activities, including a behind-the-scenes tour and seeing what the Aquarium animals do after dark. Beer, wine, snacks, and breakfast are provided. Reservations are limited to six people per reservation, unless all the participants are from the same membership. Adults (21 and older). \$38 members, \$55 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

BEHIND –THE-SCENES TOUR

February 21, 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

This exciting tour takes guests behind the Aquarium's spectacular exhibits and into the back-up areas. As they navigate around the pipes, hoses, tanks, and filters, the education staff explain the intricacies of caring for the Aquarium's more than 10,500 animals. Guests will learn about the "great water shuffle" between the Marine Mammal Pavilion and Pier 3. From anemones to zooplankton, food to filtration, participants get an intimate look at life behind and inside the exhibits. Comfortable clothing and non-slip shoes are suggested. Tour includes Main Aquarium building only. Ages 12- adult. \$12 members, \$28 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

BREAKFAST WITH THE DOLPHINS

February 15, 9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m.

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MARCH

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Ends March 28

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AQUARIST CAREER WORKSHOP

March 6, 1:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Who takes care of the Aquarium's expansive fish collection? The answer is, the Aquarium's skilled staff of aquarists! Aspiring aquarists learn how they can have a career as an aquarist. Participants can inquire about job requirements, college internships opportunities and where to find the jobs. They'll get a behind-the-scenes look at the back-up areas and exhibits and learn about animal health and the importance of water quality. Program does not include Aquarium admission. Wear comfortable clothing and non-skid shoes. Ages 14-18. \$25 members, \$30 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

BE A JUNIOR SCIENTIST

March 13, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Participants will learn about an unusual plant-the chicle tree- and make their own natural chewing gum. Guests will complete the morning with a live animal interactive experience and tour of the Rain Forest. Program does not include Aquarium admission. Ages 8-10. \$20 members, \$25 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

DEAF AWARENESS DAY

March 13, 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Interpreters sign narration for individuals who are deaf and hard-of-hearing during all scheduled public programs, including feedings at the ray and puffin exhibits. For more information, call 410-625-0720 (TTY), 410-576-3845 (voice) or 410-659-4238 (voice).

AQUARIUM MORNINGS FOR LITTLE ONES

March 20, 9:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.

The Aquarium introduces a new series designed especially for the youngest Aquarium fans! Toddlers will see eye-to-eye with some of the important bugs that crawl along the rainforest floor with an insect interaction. Program includes Aquarium admission and a take home insect craft. One adult and one child make up each team. \$20 member team, \$35 non-member team. Ages 2-3. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

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NATIONAL AQUARIUM IN BALTIMORE
GENERAL VISITOR INFORMATION

Admission includes Amazon River Forest and a Dolphin Show.

Admission Prices:

Adults	\$17.50
Seniors (60+)	\$14.50
Children (3-11)	\$ 9.50
3 and under	FREE

For information about group prices and seasonal discounts, call 410-576-3800.

Immersion Tours

Dive beneath the surface with the Aquarium's exclusive Immersion Tours. Let our expert guides help you experience life at the Aquarium from an insider's perspective. You'll discover a world behind the glass that is fascinating and full of surprises.

For more information or to purchase tickets for an Immersion Tour, contact our Central Reservations office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 410-576-3833 or visit us at www.aqua.org.

Hours:

November-February	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.* Saturday-Thursday 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.* Friday
March-June, September, and October	9 a.m. - 5 p.m.* Saturday-Thursday 9 a.m. - 8 p.m.* Friday
July and August	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.* Daily
Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day	Closed

** Last entry time. Building closes two hours after last entry time.*

Best times to visit: Before 11 a.m. and after 3 p.m. daily

General Information	410-576-3800
Groups of 15 or more	410-576-3833 TTY: 410-625-0720
Centralized Reservations	410-576-3833

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