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2003 Summer Calendar of Events



New! SLEEPOVER WITH THE SHARKS: An Unforgettable Overnight Experience **(Ages 8 and up)**

Introducing the ultimate shark-lover's sleepover! Discover the truths surrounding these top ocean predators during this activity-filled overnight. With an expert guide, take a nocturnal prowling through the Aquarium's behind-the-scenes areas, including a visit to the food-prep area to learn how we care for and feed our sharks and rays. Experience the Shark Catwalk and see sharks swim silently inches below you. Continue the evening's excitement with hands-on activities in our Shark Discovery Lab and crafts station. Sleep in the underwater viewing area with the sharks close by. After breakfast, end your shark-filled adventure with a visit to our shark nursery.

Dates:

July: 1, 3, 6, 7, 10, 14, 17, 20, 21, 27, 31
August 3, 4, 7, 10, 11, 14, 17, 18, 21

Program Time: 5:00 p.m. – 9 a.m. next day

2003 Sleepover with the Shark Rates

Adults \$69.00

Seniors (60+) \$65.00

Children (8-11) \$59.00

Group Buy-Out (maximum 35 tickets) \$2,300.00

Sleepover with the Sharks program includes Aquarium admission, a discount coupon for the Aqua Shop, and reserved seating in the dolphin show. Guests will also enjoy dinner, a snack, and breakfast. Space is limited and tickets must be purchased in advance by credit card. Tickets for reservations made less than seven days in advance are non-refundable and non-transferable. Participants of Sleep with the Sharks are required to be at least 8 years old; no exceptions. A paid adult must accompany all children and a waiver agreement will be required to be signed by a parent or guardian. Reservations: Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 410-576-3833.



JUNE

SHARK QUEST: Now Showing Throughout 2003

Get “uncomfortably close” to sharks with Shark Quest, a new in-depth exploration that dispels common myths about these fascinating creatures. Visitors will see live baby sharks developing in egg cases at the nursery cove, talk to underwater SCUBA divers, meet character actors like a paleontologist or surfer and more. These new features are in addition to the Aquarium’s main shark exhibit, which virtually puts visitors nose-to-nose with sharks swimming around them. For more information, call 410-576-3800 or visit www.aqua.org.

SEAHORSES: BEYOND IMAGINATION

Visitors still have time to see the Aquarium’s blockbuster exhibit *Seahorses: Beyond Imagination*, which runs through December 2003. *Seahorses: Beyond Imagination* showcases a fabulous display of nearly 20 species of these exotic animals from all over the world, including the Chesapeake Bay. With 350 seahorses, the exhibit is one of the most comprehensive collections ever presented. Some of the “stars” of the exhibit are rarely displayed weedy seadragons and leafy seadragons, ornate cousins of seahorses. Other inhabitants include pot-bellied seahorses, lined seahorses, long snout seahorses, and several varieties of pipefish. The specially designed exhibit includes nine recreated habitats, providing visitors with a unique “journey” through the world of these fascinating creatures. For more information, call 410-576-3800 or visit www.aqua.org.

TAKING CARE OF A WETLAND: Community Conservation Project

June 7, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Rain or Shine

Roll up your sleeves! The Aquarium has “adopted” a marsh adjacent to Fort McHenry and is working with the National Park Service to enhance and monitor its health. Join the Aquarium’s conservation team and learn about the importance of wetlands to the Chesapeake Bay ecosystem. Bring a pair of rubber boots, and help clean up debris as part of an ongoing project to restore the marsh. For more information, please call the Conservation Staff at 410-659-4274 to register. Ages 14 – Adult FREE; groups welcome.

BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR

June 7, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Visitors will get an intimate look at life behind and inside the exhibits – from anemones to zooplankton, food to filtration. Visitors will navigate around pipes, hoses, tanks, and filters, Education staff explain intricacies of caring for the Aquarium’s more than 10,500 animals. Learn about the “great water shuffle” between the Marine Mammal Pavilion and the Main Aquarium. Tour includes main Aquarium building only. Wear comfortable clothing and non-slip shoes. Aquarium admission is included. Ages 12 – adult only. \$12 members, \$28 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.



JUNE

KIDS BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR

June 8, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Children can get an intimate look at life behind and inside the exhibits – from anemones to zooplankton, food to filtration. Children will navigate around pipes, hoses, tanks and filters, as Education staff explain intricacies of caring for the Aquarium’s more than 10,500 animals. Children will also learn about the “great water shuffle” between the Marine Mammal Pavilion and the Main Aquarium. Tour includes main Aquarium building only. Wear comfortable clothing and non-slip shoes. Aquarium admission included. Each team consists of one adult and one child. No additional siblings, please. \$20 member team, \$46 non-member team. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

DEAF AWARENESS DAY

June 8, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Interpreters sign narration for individuals who are deaf and hard-of-hearing during all scheduled public programs. This includes feedings at the indoor ray and puffin exhibits, as well as dolphin presentations in the Marine Mammal Pavilion. For more information, call 410-625-0720 (TTY), 410-576-3845 (voice) or 410-659-4238 (voice).

FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

June 13, 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Tired of spending another night watching television? Head down to the Aquarium instead! Handle animals, catch a dolphin show, and have a snack before walking through the galleries to learn more about the Aquarium 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, please call 410-727-FISH.

SAND SHARKS INVADE BALTIMORE’S INNER HARBOR

June 14, 12:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Come and join the fun at Baltimore’s annual CitySand event! Eight teams of architects will take over the Inner Harbor’s Amphitheater to create shark sand sculptures. Spectators can create their own shark sand art at the Aquarium’s booth. This activity is suitable for families of all ages and is FREE. For more information, please call 410-659-4201.

BOWIE BAYSOX OUTING

June 14, 5:00 p.m.

Join the Aquarium at the Bowie Baysox Stadium. Includes a live band, player and mascot appearances – Puffin (the Aquarium’s mascot), and all-you-can-eat tailgate buffet and a ticket to the game. \$25 members \$30 non-members. For more information, please call 410-727-FISH.



JUNE

BREAKFAST WITH SHARKS

June 21, 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

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

ROCK THE DOCK FOR A GOOD CAUSE

June 26, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Guests can rock the dock for a good cause and on Hard Rock Café's Outdoor Pier. The Aquarium will host Summer Happy Hours at the Hard Rock featuring Aquarium guest bartenders, beer and frozen drink specials, and FREE hors d'oeuvres! All tips will benefit the Aquarium's Ft. McHenry Wetland Restoration project. For general information, call 410-659-4274.

COME AND MEET THE CRABBY LADY

June 29, 3:00 p.m.

Marjorie Lynn Bank Lecture Series

Award winning children's author Suzanne Tate will appear in costume as "The Crabby Lady." She will read from her book, Sharky Shark, and talk with children about writing. Suzanne Tate's Nature Series includes 24 exciting and education stories about marine life. Her books are used in schools and libraries, and marine education programs throughout the United States and in some foreign countries. Two of her books, Katie K. Whale: A Whale of a Tale and Izzie Lizzie Alligator: A Tale of a Big Lizard, received Children's Choice awards from the International Reading Association. This talk promises to be fun for all the family. Suzanne will sign copies of her books after the program. Program includes Aquarium admission. \$5 members, \$18 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

JULY

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SEAHORSES: BEYOND IMAGINATION

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WEDNESDAYS ON THE WATER

July 2, 2003 through July 30, 2003

Wednesday Evenings, 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Participants will experience the joy and challenges of learning to sail and gain a knowledgeable appreciation of the art of sailing while making friends and seeing new sights. The month concludes with the excitement of a sailboat race and happy hour. The lessons are exclusive, with only four students per instructor, aboard one of a fleet of nine Sonar 23 sailboats. Make new friends, see new sights, and take home a collection of happy memories and an appreciation of the adventure and charm of sailing. Directions provided. Reserve early space is limited. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a paying adult. Ages 6 – adult. \$150 members, \$165 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.



JULY

FOURTH OF JULY PIER PARTY

July 4, 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Enjoy a summer evening on the water with entertainment, music, and the best seats in town for the Inner Harbor fireworks display. Bring a picnic or buy snacks at the party. Sodas are included and tables are available on a first come first serve basis. Aquarium admission is included and reservations are required. Adults: \$20 members, \$25 non-members. Children 3-11: \$15 members, \$20 non-members. For more information, please call 410-727-FISH.

EARLY BIRD TOURS: Tours for Little Guys and Girls

July 5, 8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

Is the Aquarium too crowded for your children to see? Parents now is your chance to get a jump on the crowds and join our education staff for a personalized tour of the Aquarium before it opens to the general public. Program includes Aquarium admission and dolphin show tickets. One adult and one child make up each team. \$15 member team, \$41 non-member team. (Add an additional child to the team for \$6 members, \$9.50 non-members. Limit of two children per adult.) Ages 3 – 5. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

KIDS BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR

July 5, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR

July 6, 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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KIDS NIGHT OUT

July 11, 6:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Parents, are you ready for a nice evening to yourselves? Kids, are you ready for an evening without your parents? The night includes exploring the Aquarium, watching a dolphin show, having a snack, and meeting some animals up close! Please eat dinner before arrival. Ages 8 – 10. \$20 members, \$30 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.



JULY

AQUARIUM ART PROGRAM

July 12, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Get your feet wet in this introduction to arts and crafts – Aquarium style. Participants can use the Aquarium's exhibits as the inspiration to gather ideas for the project. Participants will be working with ceramic tile painting, sand art, and more. The Aquarium will provide the basic materials and participants can bring additional decorations: buttons seashells, old coins, etc. Breakfast is included. Ages 8-11. \$20 members, \$25 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

CAN YOU CANOE?

Session A: July 12, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Session B: July 12, 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Participants will explore the waters of Pickering Creek Audobon Center near Easton, Maryland. They will enjoy the wildlife while canoeing along the waterways of a wetland and learn about the plants and animals that inhabit these areas. Afterward, take a self-guided tour of Pickering Creek Audubon center's nature trail. The program includes canoes, paddles, safety equipment, and basic canoe instruction. Experience in canoeing is not required. Dress to get wet, and bring plenty of bottled water. Ages 12 – Adult. Children must be accompanied by a paying adult. \$52 members, \$60 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

ROCK THE DOCK FOR A GOOD CAUSE

July 17, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Rock the dock for a good cause! The Aquarium will host Summer Happy Hours at the Hard Rock Café's Outdoor Pier featuring Aquarium guest bartenders, beer and frozen drink specials, and FREE hors d'oeuvres! All tips will benefit the Aquarium's Ft. McHenry Wetland Restoration project. For general information, call 410-659-4274.

ECO TREK SLEEPOVER (Rain Forest Theme)

Friday, July 18, 7:00 p.m. to Saturday, July 19, 9:00 a.m.

Coral reefs, vibrant fish, and jungle journey is all included for this spectacular family sleepover. Travel from Maryland ponds to South American rain forests as visitors explore the Aquarium's galleries after dark. After breakfast, take a trip to our Tropical Rain Forest to view active birds eating their breakfast. Visitors bring your sleeping gear, and the Aquarium will provide the late night snacks, drinks, and breakfast. Reservations are limited to six people per reservation, unless all participants are from the same membership. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a paying adult. Adults: \$38 members, \$54 non-members. Children ages 4 –12: \$28 members, \$38 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.



AUGUST

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FRIDAY FAMILY FUN NIGHT

August 1, 7:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Tired of spending another night watching television? Head to the Aquarium instead! Meet other parents and children, handle live animals, watch a dolphin show, and have a snack before walking through the galleries to learn more about the Aquarium's more than 10,500 animals. Ages 4 – 7 with an adult. One adult and one child make up each team. Add an additional child to the team for \$12 members, \$17 non-members. Add a second adult to the team for \$16 members, \$21 non-members. Limit two children per adult. Limit two adults per team. \$28 member team, \$38 non-member team. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

PISCATAWAY PADDLE

Session A: August 2, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Session B: August 2, 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Visitors will explore the scenic waters of Piscataway Creek, a tributary of the Potomac River. Depending on weather, explorers will have a chance to paddle to the mouth of Piscataway Creek, former tributary grounds of the Piscataway Indian Nation, and under the looming ramparts of Fort Washington for a view of Mount Vernon across the river. Explorers may also paddle upstream, meandering through marsh plants into a narrow stream overhung by trees. The program includes sea kayaks, paddles, safety equipment, and basic instruction. Experience is not required. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a paying adult. Ages 10 – adult. \$52 members, \$60 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

ANIMALS NEED TO PLAY TOO!

August 3, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Discover which enrichment activities the dolphins, octopus, parrots, and puffins participate in and why it is important for these animals to play. Visitors will help assemble new enrichment "toys" for the animals and assist Aquarium staff with an enrichment session. Wear non-skid shoes and clothing that can get wet and dirty. Program does not include Aquarium admission or direct animal interaction. Each team consists of one adult and one child. No additional children, please. Ages 8- 11 with an adult. \$12 member team, \$38 non-member team. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.



AUGUST

BEHIND-THE-SCENES TOUR

August 9, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

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GUNPOWDER FALLS STROLL

August 10, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Come and explore the Little Gunpowder Falls with expert Aquarium staff! You will learn about the critical role that forest buffers and freshwater streams play in the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Bring a packed lunch, sunscreen, a hat, and a spare set of clothes if you plan to take a refreshing dip! Suitable for families, but not for children in strollers. \$10 members, \$15 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

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August 10, 8:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

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DIVE INTO MORE ADVENTURE

Friday, August 8 through Sunday, August 10

Certified SCUBA divers can learn more exploration and become an Advanced Open Water diver. The adventure consists of five dives at Lake Rawlings in Virginia, included tuition, diving fees, and learning materials only. Participants are responsible for their own lodging, meals, and diving gear. Ages 16 to Adult. \$335 members, \$385 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

ECO TREK SLEEPOVER (Chesapeake Bay Theme)

Friday, August 15, 7:00 p.m. to Saturday, August 16, 9:00 a.m.

Coral reefs, vibrant fish, and jungle journey is all included in this spectacular family sleepover. Travel from Maryland ponds to South American rain forests as visitors explore the Aquarium’s galleries after dark. After breakfast, take a trip to our Tropical Rain Forest to view active birds eating their breakfast. Visitors bring your sleeping gear, and the Aquarium will provide the late night snacks, drinks, and breakfast. Reservations are limited to six people per reservation, unless all participants are from the same membership. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a paying adult. Adults: \$38 members, \$54 non-members. Children ages 4 –12: \$28 members, \$38 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.



AUGUST

GOT ORGANIC MILK?

August 16, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Join the Aquarium at the Horizon Organic Dairy Farm & Education Center, located in Gambrills, Md. for a day of learning about agriculture and the environment. Guests will take a tour of Discovery Barn, then go through the barnyard area to visit with the animals and follow the path of milk from the cow store. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy before taking a hayride! Adults: \$17 members, \$21 non-members. Children ages 3-18 \$15 members, \$18 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

TURTLES IN TOPSAIL

Friday, August 22 – Sunday, August 24

Join Aquarium staff for a long weekend in beautiful Topsail, North Carolina, for an unique working vacation at the Karen Beasley Sea Turtle Rescue and Rehabilitation Center. This center relies completely on volunteer help in efforts towards the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of sick and injured sea turtles. Aquarium staff and volunteers will work on shifts at the hospital assisting with basic animal husbandry--cleaning, feeding, water changes, observations and record keeping--and may even respond to a call to rescue an animal. The trip includes two nights of beach and nest monitoring, assisting with the hatching of eggs, and recording observations. In addition, program includes two nights lodging, breakfast and lunch each day, an education seminar, and a commemorative gift. The Aquarium will provide a no-obligation informative open house on Wednesday, June 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Aquarium in the Knott Harbor View Room. Trip orientation will be held on Wednesday, August 6th at the Aquarium. Ages 10 – adult. \$300 members, \$325 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

**A no obligation informative open house will be held on June 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the Aquarium's Knott Harbor View Room. Trip orientation will be held Wednesday, August 6, at 7:00 p.m. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a paying adult. \$300 members, \$325 non-members.*

STROLLIN' BY THE RIVER

August 23, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Come and explore the Little Gunpowder Falls with expert Aquarium staff! While leisurely strolling along a mile-long stretch of piedmont stream bank, visitors will explore birds, reptiles, fish and other critters that live in the area. Learn about the critical role that forest buffers and freshwater streams play in the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Bring a packed lunch, sunscreen, a hat and a spare set of clothes. Suitable for families, but not for tots in strollers. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a paying adult. \$10 members, \$15 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

SAIL BACK IN TIME

August 23, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Experience Maryland's nautical heritage as visitors sail the Choptank River aboard the Nathan of Dorchester, a real Chesapeake bay skipjack. Help raise the sails, hear stories of working waterman, and learn why skipjacks are an important part of Maryland's history. Ages 8 – Adult. Children under 16 must be accompanied by a paying adult. \$20 members, \$28 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.



AUGUST

ROCK THE DOCK FOR A GOOD CAUSE

August 28, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Rock the dock for a good cause! The Aquarium will host Summer Happy Hours at the Hard Rock Café's Outdoor Pier featuring Aquarium guest bartenders, beer and frozen drink specials, and FREE hors d'oeuvres! All tips will benefit the Aquarium's Ft. McHenry Wetland Restoration project. For general information, call 410-659-4274.

SHARK TAGGING

August 30, 7:00 a.m. – Noon

Join the Aquarium's Marine Animal Rescue staff and Captain Mark Sampson for a day of shark tagging off of the coast of Ocean City, Md. The tagging of sharks provides information on stock identity, migration and abundance, age and growth, mortality and behavior. This is an exclusive hands on event – don't miss out on an exciting day on the water! The boat will leave at 7:00 a.m. and return at noon for lunch on the docks. Lunch is included. Recommended for ages 15 and older. Space is limited. \$150 members, \$175 non-members. For more information, call 410-727-FISH.

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NATIONAL AQUARIUM IN BALTIMORE
GENERAL VISITOR INFORMATION

Admission includes Shark Quest, *Seahorses: Beyond Imagination*, Amazon River Forest a Dolphin Show and much more.

Admission Prices:

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

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

Hours:

July and August	9 a.m. - 6 p.m.* Daily
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
Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day	Closed

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

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

General Information	410-576-3800
Groups of 15 or more	410-576-3833 TTY: 410-625-0720
School Groups	410-576-3880
Centralized Reservations	410-576-3833
Membership	410-659-4230
Catered Events	410-576-3869

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