

Fall 2008

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A Deeper Look into the Newport Aquarium

NEWPORT AQUARIUM
A Million Gallons of Fun

Passholders Only

Shark Breakfast

Saturday, September 20 at 9am

Please join us at our next exclusive Annual Passholder-only event and enjoy tasty treats and the wonders of our amazing sharks.

The Breakfast Buffet will feature fluffy scrambled eggs, crispy bacon, warm biscuits, juice and coffee. Breakfast will be followed by a presentation about the Surrounded by Sharks exhibit by our Shark Biologist. After the presentation, you will be free to tour the Aquarium at your leisure.

This exclusive Passholder event begins at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be served until 10 a.m.

Space is limited, so please make your reservations now.

Cost for Annual Passholders:

- \$7.50 for children (2-12 years old)
- \$10.50 for adults (13 and older)

Cost for Annual Passholder Guests:

- \$16.50 for children (2-12 years old)
- \$25.50 for adults (13 and older)

Reservations can be made in person at our Information Desk in the Newport Aquarium lobby or by phone by calling (859) 261-7444 and asking for "Passholder Shark Breakfast Reservations" before Sept. 15. Your non-refundable payment is due when you make your reservation.

Newport Aquarium reserves the right to cancel this event. Every effort will be made to contact guests with reservations in the event of a cancellation.

For the latest Passholder Info, call the Annual Passholder hotline:
(859) 815-1450

See more Passholder information on Page 3.

'Ghosts of Pirates Cove' Returns to the Aquarium

Set sail on a great pirate adventure with your family this Halloween season at Newport Aquarium. Ghosts of Pirates Cove runs from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on October 18 - 31.

A doomed band of unsavory pirates are given a second chance at life: the chance to spend the rest of eternity with their treasure at the bottom of the ocean... as beautiful sea creatures!

Newport Aquarium invites you and your family to experience again Ghosts of Pirates Cove this Halloween season. With so much to see and do, it is one of the region's best Halloween traditions.

Visitors will experience the Aquarium in a whole new way. On weekends, watch the special dive shows and marvel at the Aquarium's dive team as they demonstrate the unique art of underwater pumpkin carving. Or witness a spectacular pirate sword fight underwater!

From 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, kids can also take part in a special treasure hunt throughout the Aquarium, and visit the Pumpkin Patch sponsored by Bob Evans to pick and decorate their own mini pumpkin to take home.

On Saturday, October 18, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., parents will love the opportunity to have free digital fingerprints taken of their children, to keep on file for safety. And don't miss the return of Radio Disney for another great event on Saturday, October 25 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Up to two kids in costume can visit during Ghosts of Pirates Cove for only \$5 with each full price adult admission.

For information on event times and activities, visit www.newportaquarium.com.

Frog Bog a Hopping Hit

The early reviews are in: the Frog Bog is a hopping hit. The new exhibit, opened in May, features over 30 species of exotic frogs from around the world. Visitors are encouraged to learn about frogs and the environmental issues facing these amazing creatures. Parents and caregivers have raved about how "hands-on" the Frog Bog is, with lots of fun interactive exhibits that kids have enjoyed playing with and learning from. If you haven't visited yet, be sure to "jump in" soon!



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Biologist Profile

Jolene Hanna



It was in North Carolina that Animal Health Specialist Jolene Hanna would begin the journey that would lead her to the Newport Aquarium.

She graduated from the University of North Carolina Wilmington with a bachelor's degree in Marine Biology and went into veterinary medicine through private practice. She worked her way from assistant to vet tech through on-the-job experience, starting in simple cat/dog practices and then moving on to birds and other exotic pets. She then became very interested in emergency medicine, so she would go on to pursue an associate's degree in Veterinary Technology through the University of Cincinnati.

She was required to complete two internships while at UC, one of which was done at the Newport Aquarium.

"And as they say the rest is history," Hanna says. "I've been here now for six eventful years and at no point could I call my position dull. My favorite aspect of the job is how it challenges me to think outside of the box."



Vet lab assistant Raisin, a Yellow-footed Tortoise.

Help Solve a Murder!

Make plans now to attend a unique and fun-filled evening at "Pirates of the Carib Bean: A Murder Mystery Dinner!" on Saturday, October 25 at the Currents Ballroom here at the Aquarium. You'll tour the exhibits at 6 p.m. and then enjoy dinner by Cuisine by Jean-Robert and the murderously fun show at 7:30 p.m. You'll meet and mingle with Pirate Captain Jacques Swallow, his wench Angelina Jolette and other crazy characters.

Dinner includes: hors d'oeuvres, salad, choice of entrees, dessert and cash bar. There will even be a special guest appearance! Admission is \$54.95 per person, or just \$49.95 for Annual Passholders. Space is limited. Call (859) 815-1479 for reservations. Watch your back and make sure you don't take the wrong exit and "accidentally" walk the plank. Arrgh, matey!

Reds Hot Deal for Passholders



We knew all the benefits of being an Annual Passholder were a big "hit," but this is taking it a little further. The Cincinnati Reds have "pitched" in to help us show our appreciation for all of your support and set aside a special day for Aquarium Passholders! You can get up to 50% off* on Reds tickets for Newport Aquarium Passholder Day and watch the Reds throw the Milwaukee Brewers to the sharks on Sunday, September 21!

The game starts at 1:15 p.m. but the fun begins at noon when the Shark Squad hits the stadium with games and prizes for kids. They'll bring our mascot, the Sharkmobile and even the Shark Cart so you can pet sharks until 2 p.m.

To take advantage of this special offer, e-mail annualpass@newportaquarium.com and include your Passholder ID number. A link and password will be e-mailed to you.

*Note: Some restrictions and additional order fees will apply.

Reds Heads Kids Club Week at the Aquarium

From Monday, October 6 through Sunday, October 12, Reds Heads Kids Club Members can show their membership ID at the Aquarium ticket window to receive admission for only \$5 when accompanied by an adult paying full price. Plus, there will be lots of cool Reds activities on Saturday, October 11. Visit www.newportaquarium.com for all the details.



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**Family Overnight Adventure
October 17 at 7:30 p.m.**

More awe-inspiring than sleeping under the stars, the "Sleep with the Sharks" Overnight Adventure lets families spend the night with over 55 sharks and thousands of aquatic animals from around the world.

The fun begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday and continues until 9 a.m. Saturday.

- Activities for different age groups and families
- Snack
- Animal Encounter
- Sleeping with the fishes
- A cereal breakfast in the morning

Overnight Adventures are normally reserved for larger groups, so take advantage of this opportunity for your family!

Cost for Annual Passholders:

- \$25 for children (6-12 years old)
- \$30 for adults (13 and older)

Note: Due to the nature of this event, children under the age of 6 can not be accommodated.

Cost for Annual Passholder Guests:

- \$40 for children (6-12 years old)
- \$50 for adults (13 and older)

Note: Due to the nature of this event, children under the age of 6 can not be accommodated.

Reservations can be made in person at our Information Desk in the Newport Aquarium lobby or by phone by calling (859) 261-7444 and asking for "Passholder Overnight Reservations" before October 13. Your non-refundable payment is due when you make your reservation.

Due to space and safety concerns, air mattresses can not be accommodated.

Newport Aquarium reserves the right to cancel this event. Every effort will be made to contact guests with reservations in the event of a cancellation.

Enjoy Ye Dinner with Dubloon and the Shark Squad!

The Shark Squad and Captain Dubloon from Ghosts of Pirates Cove will be visiting several area Bob Evans' restaurants this fall.

This is a great chance for families to meet and interact with the jovial pirate, as well as to pet a live shark! Plus every child will receive a free Ghosts of Pirates Cove coloring sheet when they visit Bob Evans.

Make plans now to visit the following locations from 5 to 8 p.m. on the dates listed:

- Mason General Store on Thursday, October 9
- Florence on Friday, October 10
- Newport on Thursday, October 16
- Amelia on Friday, October 17



WAVE Names Executive Director

Kathy Ivie recently has been named Executive Director of the WAVE Foundation, the non-profit arm of the Aquarium which focuses on educational and conservation initiatives. Ivie brings to the position more than 17 years in development, fundraising and non-profit leadership, most recently at Council On Child Abuse Of Southern Ohio, Inc. and Clovernook Center For The Blind & Visually Impaired. Her proven success within the local community will ensure continued success for the Foundation. Ivie's role and responsibility will be to implement and execute the strategic direction of the WAVE Foundation as directed by the Board of Directors and Board President Kevin M. Butt.

Don't Miss Nauti Nite 2008

Eat, drink, mingle and play: the third annual Nauti Nite fundraiser will be held

on Saturday, October 18 at the Aquarium. Join Honorary Captain Holter Graham of TV's "Wa\$ted" (airing on Planet Green channel) as friends of the WAVE Foundation cruise for conservation and travel the aquarium to honor and protect sharks, penguins and sea turtles.

At Nauti Nite 2008 - the annual fundraiser to benefit Newport Aquarium's WAVE Foundation - guests will cruise from port to port enjoying fabulous cuisine, specialty cocktails, delicious desserts and wines, exotic animal encounters, dive shows and a silent auction featuring incredible items. Nauti Nite benefits the WAVE Foundation's conservation efforts and youth education programs. It's a great time for a great cause.

Tickets are \$60 before September 25 and \$65 after September 25, and VIP tickets are \$150. For more information or to receive an invitation email wave@newportaquarium.com or call (859) 815-1442.



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Did you know...?

Coral Reefs are the most biologically diverse marine ecosystems on earth, rivaled only by the tropical rainforests on land. Corals grow over geologic time and have been in existence about 200 million years.

You've probably noticed over the past several months the progress in the Aquarium's own coral tank. And this fall, it will really start coming together. For that exciting occasion, here are some fun facts about reefs:

- A coral reef is composed of thin plates or layers of calcium carbonate secreted over thousands of years by billions of tiny soft bodied animals called coral polyps. It takes years for some corals to grow an inch.
- Coral reefs occupy less than one quarter of one percent of the earth's marine environment, yet they are home to more than a quarter of all known fish species.
- The food, tourism revenue, coastal protection and new medications that reefs provide are worth about \$375 billion each year.
- Coral reefs are suffering globally. Scientists report that 30 percent are already damaged.



Don't forget: even actions here at home can affect the ocean's reefs. To learn more about how you can help, visit www.wavefoundation.org.

Radio Disney Making Several Visits

It's always a blast when Radio Disney visits. From 2 to 4 p.m. on these days, don't miss the fun, games and prizes:



- *High School Musical 3: Senior Year* Pep Rally on Sunday, September 28
- Ghosts of Pirates Cove Event on Saturday, October 25
- Cheetah Girls 'One World Tour' Ticket Stop on Saturday, November 22

Visit www.newportaquarium.com for more information.

Warm 98 to Help with 'Ghosts' and Coats

A great partner of the Aquarium, WARM 98 will send personalities and representatives from the station on the Saturdays of Ghosts of Pirates Cove. Be sure to stop by their table after completing the Pirates Cove treasure map for a special prize from Warm 98. The fun lasts from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on October 18 and 25. Then, in late November, Newport Aquarium will participate for the second year in WARM 98's Coats for Kids, serving as a drop off site for coats.

Visit www.newportaquarium.com for more information.

Guppy Adventures Announced

Guppy Adventures are fun programs for pre-school-aged kids 3 to 5 years old that may include story time, arts and crafts, live animal encounters and guided Aquarium tours. All Guppy Adventures take place at 9 a.m., before the Aquarium opens to the public.

Guppy Adventure Dates: October 8, December 10, March 11, May 13

Fees for Annual Passholders:

\$10 for Annual Passholder & child (Note: The fee is only for the child; one adult is free with paid child.)
\$10 for each additional child

For reservations or for more information, call (859) 815-1442 or e-mail: aogonek@newportaquarium.com or visit www.wavefoundation.org.

Special 'Faith Weekend' Opportunity

Newport Aquarium is offering a great deal on a church group visit for Faith Weekend October 4-5. For a very special low price, church groups can visit the Aquarium, enjoy extended hours, take pictures with our lovable mascots on the front plaza and enjoy hands-on experiences with some of our animals. And, if reservations are made before September 19, your group will be registered to win a rare group "fish feeding" experience at the Aquarium. Contact the Group Sales office at (859) 815-1471 or visit www.newportaquarium.com for more information or a registration form. (Note: All registrations must be received by September 30. All tickets are pre-paid.)