

# Spring 2010 iNDepth

A Deeper Look into the Newport Aquarium

NEWPORT AQUARIUM™  
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## Passholders Only

### Family Overnight Adventure Saturday, March 12 at 7:30 p.m.

More awe-inspiring than sleeping under the stars, the Sleep with the Sharks Family Overnight Adventure lets families spend the night with more than 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. on Saturday.

- Activities for different age groups and families including a Behind the Scenes Tour and an Animal Encounter
- Snack provided
- Sleeping with the fishes
- Cereal breakfast in the morning

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

### Annual Passholders

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

### Annual Passholder Guests

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

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

Space is limited, so make your reservations now. Visit the Information Desk in the Newport Aquarium lobby or call (859) 261-7444 and ask for "Passholder Overnight Reservations" by March 7. 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 events. If cancelled, every effort will be made to contact guests with reservations and payments will be refunded.

See more Passholder information on Page 3.

## Winter Family Days Continue

Don't miss one of the best deals of the year during Winter Family Days at Newport Aquarium: two kids get in FREE with each adult paying full price. That's right. Kids get in free every day, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., now through Feb. 28. There are no coupons to cut, and strollers are welcome during Winter Family Days. Plus, each child will get a voucher for a free Kid's Meal from participating Bob Evans Family Restaurants. Winter Family Days are a great way for families to spend quality time together at a very affordable price.

## Get Ready for Sweet Pea's Fourth Birthday

Newport Aquarium will celebrate the birthday of one of its most unique animals, the rare Shark Ray, Sweet Pea. From April 3-11, join the party with special weekend activities, fun for the whole family and some birthday surprises! When she made her debut, Sweet Pea was the very first Shark Ray on display in the Western Hemisphere. In February 2007, Scooter, a male Shark Ray joined her in the Aquarium's Surrounded by Sharks exhibit, making them the stars of the first Shark Ray breeding program in the world.



## Here Come the Brides

Newport Aquarium's annual Bridal Show will be held on February 25, from 7 to 9 p.m. Join us for a tour of the most spectacular wedding venue in the region. Meet dozens of leading wedding vendors. Enjoy the aquarium exhibits and free hors d'oeuvres from our two preferred caterers, Chef's Choice and Funky's Catering. Register to win some great door prizes and giveaways including a James Free Jewelers gift certificate, hotel stay and much more! Tour our stunning Currents Ballroom which offers breath-taking views of downtown Cincinnati and the Ohio River. If you are looking for a unique setting for your special day, you won't want to miss this event. Tickets may be purchased for \$5. To purchase your tickets on-line, visit [www.newportaquarium.com](http://www.newportaquarium.com) and then click on the Bridal Show tab. Click on Admission Tickets, choose Bridal Show 2/25/10. For additional information, call at (859) 815-1406. Drawings and giveaways will be held at the end of the evening. You must be present to win.

Note: This is a 16 years and older event.



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## Biologist Profile

### Sarah Duncan

Since 2004, Sarah Duncan has been a biologist here at the Newport Aquarium.

Originally from Ashland, Ky., she received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Marshall University and then interned at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium as a dolphin and otter trainer and assisted with dolphin rescue and rehabilitation. From there she went on to work at the Columbus Zoo for several years before coming to Newport as the Behavioral Enrichment Specialist.

While working here, Sarah has acquired the position of international studbook keeper for Asian Small-clawed Otters. She was also invited into the "Otters in Captivity" task force as part of the World Conservation Union.

"My favorite thing about working with animals is that I know that the space I occupy on the planet isn't wasted, but is used to try to preserve it," she says. "My favorite part of the job is getting to observe and study the behavior of the animals."



Asian Small Clawed Otter  
*Amblyonyx canescens*

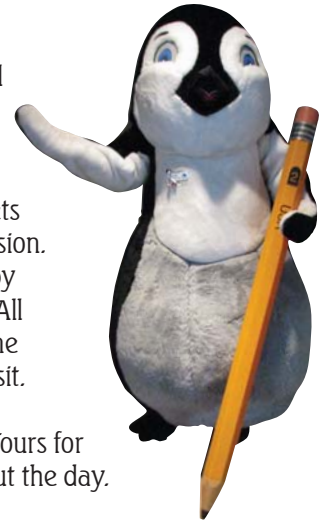
### Spring Faith Weekend: March 13-14

Newport Aquarium will be hosting more than 3,000 members of churches from around the Tri-state on March 13-14. Faith Weekend at the Newport Aquarium provides a special discount to members of any of the nearly 9,000 churches in Ohio, Kentucky and Indiana. All church members need to pre-register their group to receive a special discount of \$12 per person. This is a \$10 savings off of our general admission. Tickets must be purchased in advance of your visit by phone, fax, or mail order. Order deadline is March 10. All tickets will be available in the front lobby at the Faith Weekend Registration Table on the day of your visit. To pre-register or for more information, [click here](#) or call (859) 815-1471.



### Spring Home School Days: May 4-5

Visit the Newport Aquarium during our Home School Days on May 4-5. Join hundreds of other home school families as they learn about sharks, penguins, sea turtles and frogs. Enhance your school day with hands-on learning and shark-size fun! Purchase tickets for just \$12 each, a savings of \$10 off general admission. Tickets must be purchased in advance of your visit by phone, fax, or mail order. Order deadline is April 29. All tickets will be available in the front lobby at the Home School Days Registration Table on the day of your visit. Enhance your home-school-day activities with Dive Shows, Animal Encounters, and Behind-the-Scenes Tours for only \$12 each. Our Mascots will greet you throughout the day.



### Facebook Flyaway!

Newport Aquarium has teamed up with WARM 98 to help Facebook fans beat the winter blues and win an all-inclusive trip for four to Cancun from Apple Vacations.

Just go to [www.warm98.com](http://www.warm98.com) and click on the link to Warm 98's Facebook page. Become a fan and then enter the contest by posting "I want a Facebook Flyaway from Warm 98 and the Newport Aquarium!"

It's that easy! Plus, don't forget to become a fan of Newport Aquarium on Facebook while you're at it. [Click here](#) to join! Hurry - the promotion ends February 28.



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## Passholders Only cont...

### Annual Passholders Discount at Wake Nation Cincinnati

Wake Nation Cincinnati is the only place in the Tri-state where you can wakeboard, water ski, and knee-board - all without a boat! This summer, Newport Aquarium Annual Passholders can save \$5 each when they purchase any ride pass. This truly unique water park is designed from the ground up to provide the ultimate ride experience to both first-timers and experienced riders. In May, Wake Nation will open its brand new Practice Pond, an all-new lake and ride system designed to accommodate beginners as young as age 5. Wake Nation has all the equipment you need on site, so you just need to bring your bathing suit - and your Newport Aquarium Annual Pass. For information about the amazing facility, visit [www.wakenation.com](http://www.wakenation.com).

### Renew Your Annual Pass for Great Savings Today

By renewing before the expiration date on your pass, you save \$4 off our new Annual Pass prices for each pass. Then you can enjoy the Newport Aquarium as often as you like for less than the cost of 2 visits! By renewing your Annual Pass, you'll continue to:

- Visit as much as you want for one year
- Receive e-mail invitations to exclusive Passholder only events
- Receive quick access to the Aquarium by simply scanning your Annual Passholder card - no waiting in ticketing lines!
- Receive 15% off at Sharky's Café
- Receive 15% off at the Newport Aquarium gift shop

### Easy Being Green

*Note: This is the fourth column in a series from Aquarium Husbandry Director Chris Pierson about tips that every family can use to be more eco-friendly.*

As I write this, the media forecasters in town are warning us of a new cold stretch coming up. If you're anything like me, you think, "How much more fuel is my furnace going to burn and how much is that going to raise my bill?" There are simple moves that each of us can make not only to reduce the dollar signs on our bill but also help reduce the amount of fuel our homes consume.



If you haven't already done so, look at getting a digital thermostat. This will help you year round. For the winter, program your heat to be lower during times when you aren't home and drop it a degree or two for times when you are sleeping in bed and really won't notice. Based on estimates from Duke Energy's web site, for every degree you reduce your heat, you reduce your energy consumption by about 3 percent. That means you save money and fuel.

Some people will close off vents to rooms that are rarely or never used and shut the door. This can be effective too, but be careful. If more than one-third of the vents in your house are closed, it could cause your furnace components to wear out too soon.

### Spring Scout's Honor Weekend: May 1-2

Join hundreds of local girl and boy scouts as they explore the Newport Aquarium on May 1-2. We will have special presentations and animal encounters throughout the weekend. Purchase tickets for just \$11 each, a savings of \$11 off general admission. Tickets must be purchased in advance of your visit by phone, fax, or mail order. Order deadline is Wednesday, April 28. All tickets will be available in the front lobby at the Scout's Honor Weekend Registration Table on the day of your visit.



Scouts can also attend the Career Talk: Meet a Biologist and Diver. Join us in the Currents Ballroom for a 45-minute presentation with a Newport Aquarium Biologist and a Newport Aquarium Diver. Learn exciting information regarding the wonders of marine life and the importance of conserving and protecting our environment. All presentations include live animal encounters and a "meet and greet" session with a Newport Aquarium Mascot. Career presentation and animal encounters can fulfill individual badge and patch requirements. This offer is for all Scouts, their family and friends. All tickets are just \$5 each! You must have an admission ticket and/or annual pass to attend.

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## Did you know...?

### Baby Penguins

It was another successful breeding season at Newport



Aquarium. Last month, we announced the hatching of three Gentoo penguin chicks. Hatched between Dec. 31 and Jan. 5, the chicks weighed between 80-100 grams at birth. Already, they are over 2,300 grams each.

A first for the Aquarium, two of the chicks were hatched from the same parents.

As days pass, the chicks will begin to slowly venture away from their nests and be visible in the Kroger Kingdom of Penguins exhibit, though not far from their parents. For now, the young chicks mostly stay nestled under their penguin parents.

There are only 15 accredited institutions that hold Gentoo penguins in North America.

The Kroger Kingdom of Penguins exhibit currently showcases 28 penguins, including Gentoo, King and Chinstrap penguins. The exhibit is kept at 34 degrees and on the lighting cycle of the Antarctic Peninsula and the sub-Antarctic islands, where these animals are found naturally.



### Radio Disney Returns!

Stay tuned because Radio Disney is coming back! With great events planned for March 13, April 3 and April 10, you'll want to make plans to visit and party with the Radio Disney Road Crew. Because we've had such a great response to our promotional weekends with Radio Disney Louisville, we're now working with Radio Disney Indianapolis, offering you even more fun weekends ahead. More information on our Radio Disney Weekends will be posted on [www.newportaquarium.com](http://www.newportaquarium.com). Check back soon.



### Looking for High School Summer Naturalists

High school students (14 to 17 years old) are invited to join the Summer Naturalist program at Newport Aquarium. Summer naturalists receive extensive training on the Aquarium's animals and exhibits and in turn help interpret exhibits, educate and enhance guests' experiences. Students must commit to a minimum of 100 hours from May through Labor Day weekend. Applicants should submit a letter of recommendation from a teacher, mentor or other adult sponsor (other than a parent) with their application. For information or for an application, visit [www.wavefoundation.org](http://www.wavefoundation.org) and click on the volunteering link. Students can also call the volunteer office (859) 815-1441 to have an application mailed. Make plans now for an enriching summer. The application deadline is March 1.



### Reminder - Discount at Louisville Zoo Extended

Newport Aquarium values its Passholders. When so many of you told us you liked the discount offer to the Louisville Zoo, we worked quickly to extend the great partnership, helping your family see some amazing creatures at a great, family-friendly price. Newport Aquarium Annual Passholders can receive \$3 off an Adult or Child Admission ticket (or special admission packages) during regular Louisville Zoo hours. Note: This offer is not valid with other discounts. Aquarium passholders must present a valid Newport Aquarium passholder ID card at the Louisville Zoo admission window. Valid through Dec. 31, 2010.

### Barbie® Party at the Aquarium

Enjoy an exclusive sneak peek of Barbie™ in A Mermaid Tale on March 6-7 as Newport Aquarium celebrates with free giveaways (while supplies last) and screenings in the Theater. Check the Aquarium website for show times and more details.

