

Winter 2008

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A Deeper Look into the Newport Aquarium

NEWPORT AQUARIUM  
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## Passholders Only

Give the Gift that Keeps on Giving: Aquarium Annual Pass



No waiting in line at the mall. No expensive gift-wrap needed. No wrong sizes. No traffic. No hassle. A unique gift that fits everyone: an Annual Pass to the Newport Aquarium! Give a year of fun, excitement, memories and learning. Visit the Passholder section on the Newport Aquarium website for more information.

Other Newport Aquarium gifts to consider:

- Gift Cards
- Penguin Art
- Animal Encounter
- Sweet Pea stuffed animal

### Special Harlem Globetrotters Offer

Passholders will have the exclusive opportunity to save \$24.00 on the purchase of two \$27.50 tickets. Also, Passholders who purchase tickets may also have a once-in-a-lifetime chance to participate in a "Meet and Greet" with several Globetrotters before the games. Look for a special Passholder e-mail for details.

See more Passholder information on Page 3.

### Scuba Santa™ Makes a Splashy Return

This holiday season marks the sixth year Scuba Santa™ will show off his underwater talents at the Newport Aquarium. Scuba Santa's Water Wonderland, which begins on Nov. 28 and runs through Jan. 3, has become one of the Tri-state area's favorite - and most unique - holiday traditions. Scuba Santa and his magical underwater sleigh - pulled by seahorses! - will delight and amaze visitors young and old.



There are so many great things to see and do at the Aquarium every day, but Scuba Santa's Water Wonderland also features holiday festivities, activities and decorations. Don't miss the Scuba Santa™ Dive Shows, where kids can watch Scuba Santa arrive in the shark tank and then interact with him while he's underwater! And visit Scuba Santa's Post Office, where kids can write letters to Scuba Santa and deposit them in the special mailbox for speedy delivery. Some letters will even be posted online, for all to enjoy. There's also the Reindeer Roundup game and a special craft activity every Sunday.

Admission to Scuba Santa's Water Wonderland activities is free with a Newport Aquarium ticket. More information on Scuba Santa's Water Wonderland can be found online at [www.newportaquarium.com](http://www.newportaquarium.com).

### Harlem Globetrotters and Aquarium Partnership a Slam Dunk

Newport Aquarium has once again teamed up with the Harlem Globetrotters for their Dec. 30 appearances at US Bank Arena. During their 81-year history, the Harlem Globetrotters have played in 118 countries, on six continents, before more than 125 million fans.



### Special Harlem Globetrotter Offer

Visit the Aquarium in December and get a coupon to save \$5 off of up to four Harlem Globetrotter game tickets while supplies last. Some restrictions apply.

Or buy an annual pass and receive a FREE ticket to one of the Dec. 30 Harlem Globetrotters games. Valid for the first 200 new Passholders, while supplies last.

Not only will you get to experience the fun family-friendly antics of the Globetrotters, you can see the Aquarium's Shark Squad at the event before the 7 p.m. game. And then be sure to catch the Shark Squad making an appearance during the half-time show at the 7 p.m. game.

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## Biologist Profile

### Jen Hazeres

The story of how Jen Hazeres came to be an Aquatics Biologist for the Newport Aquarium is a



circular one. She graduated from Bellevue High School and moved to South Carolina to attend Coastal Carolina University, where she later earned a BS degree in Marine Science. After graduating, she volunteered at the Riverbanks Zoo in Columbia for several years, while working for the South Carolina Environmental Dept. After 14 years - plus one husband and three adorable boys - Jen finally moved back to Bellevue to be close to her family. She immediately began volunteering at the Newport Aquarium and always planned to seek a biologist position when her youngest son went to school all day.

“Knowing how competitive this field is I really thought I might possibly be in for a long wait,” she said. But a few months later, the first part-time biologist/presenter opportunity opened up at the Aquarium. Then, eight months later, her current aquatics biologist position became available. “All the years of volunteering, experience, and education paid off,” she said. “I am so excited and grateful to be part of the husbandry team here.”



## Scuba Santa Sightings at Bob Evans

Scuba Santa™ has again emerged from Newport Aquarium’s 385,000-gallon shark tank to share the wonder of the aquatic world “down on the farm.” Scuba Santa and the Aquarium’s Shark Squad will visit 10 Greater Cincinnati area and two Dayton area Bob Evans Restaurants this winter as part of the partnership between the two companies.

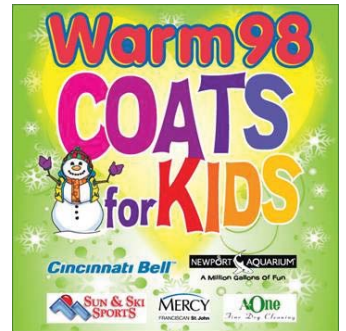


During his unique appearances, Scuba Santa will meet Bob Evans customers and personally autograph his photo for the kids. Customers also will have an opportunity to meet the Aquarium’s Shark Squad who will bring their mobile Shark Cart so that everyone can pet a shark!

Thursday, Dec. 4:	Fairfield	5 - 8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 5:	Englewood (Dayton)	5 - 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 6:	West Chester	9 a.m. - noon
Wednesday, Dec. 10:	Cold Spring	5 - 8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 11:	Florence	5 - 8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12:	Deerfield Township	5 - 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 13:	Milford	9 a.m. - noon
Wednesday, Dec. 17:	Tipp City (Dayton)	5 - 8 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 18:	Hamilton	5 - 8 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 19:	Mason	5 - 8 p.m.
Saturday, Dec. 20:	Kenwood	9 a.m. - noon
Monday, Dec. 22:	Colerain Avenue	5 - 8 p.m.

## Support Coats for Kids Program

For the second straight year, Newport Aquarium is joining WARM 98 and Cincinnati Bell in an effort to keep children throughout the Tri-state WARM for the winter! From Nov. 24 to Dec. 17, you can help us help the community by dropping off your new or gently used children’s coats at Newport Aquarium or area Cincinnati Bell retail stores. The coats will be dry cleaned by A-One Fine Dry Cleaning and distributed by Franciscan St. John Social Services. Listen to WARM 98 for more details.



## Plan Ahead for Winter Family Days

The 2009 Winter Family Days promotion is set for Jan. 5 through Feb. 28. Two kids can get in FREE with every adult paying full price. Plus, every kid will receive a coupon for a FREE Kid’s Meal from Bob Evans. Be sure to visit. Strollers are welcome!

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**Passholders Only** cont...

**Scuba Santa™ Preview a Hit**

Being a Passholder has its privileges. This year, Passholders were the very first to see Scuba Santa™ this season. The exclusive Passholder Preview was held on Nov. 22 and was a rousing success. Attendees were treated to special dive shows and were able to enjoy Santa's favorite snack - milk & cookies. There were loads of photo opportunities for both the young and the young-at-heart.

Scuba Santa's™ Water Wonderland is one of the most unique holiday experiences in America. It's a magical place where seahorses fly and Scuba Santa™ talks to you from beneath the sea. Experience the joy of our sixth annual family holiday tradition and see what the whole country's been talking about. Be among the first to visit with Scuba Santa™ next year by becoming a Passholder. Visit the web site for more information.

**Overnight Fun for Passholders**

The Annual Passholder Overnight Adventure on Oct. 17 was a great opportunity for our guests to share some quiet time with all the Aquarium's animals. With fun activities and even an animal encounter, sleeping under the sea stars had never been so fun.

Guests said that it was a chance to see how the animals behave when the lights go out. The sharks were a crowd favorite - especially in the darkened tunnels.

Be sure to sign up for the Passholder Overnight next spring so you can take part in this unique and exciting event.

**Nauti Nite 2008**

On Oct. 18, more than 200 guests joined the WAVE Foundation for its third annual Nauti Nite celebration. Nauti Nite is a nautical adventure featuring fabulous cuisine, wine tastings, exotic animal encounters, a fantastic silent auction and great company. Beyond the fun-filled evening, Nauti Nite is about reminding each of us of the importance of conservation in order to help protect aquatic life. At this year's Nauti Nite, guests had the chance to watch the African penguins make a spectacular piece of art and a few lucky guests even got to direct the penguins' paint strokes with a laser. Honorary Captain Holter Graham, co-host of Planet Green's Wa\$ted, was also on hand to mingle with the guests and talk about what it takes to "go green." Proceeds from Nauti Nite enables the WAVE Foundation to continue to support conservation initiatives on the local, national, and global levels. In partnership with seaturtle.org, The Shark Research Institute and SANCOBB, the WAVE Foundation provides vital funds for research and education aimed at protecting these animals.



In addition to our conservation initiatives, Nauti Nite proceeds support The Finstitute, WAVE's youth education program at the Newport Aquarium. Guided by a philosophy of "conservation through education," WAVE's education programs are designed to excite, engage and educate students about the wonders of aquatic life and the importance of conservation. Nauti Nite also provides summer camp scholarships and raises funds for our Friends of Finstitute Fund, which aims to underwrite six thousand financially needy students this school year.

The event raised about \$35,000.

**Learn about our Frogs!**

Bring your class to the Newport Aquarium and discover the many aspects of frogs, their relatives and why they are so important to our environment with the new "Fabulous Frogs" curriculum for grades K-5. Students will learn about amphibians, adaptations, life cycles, biodiversity, conservation and more. Curriculum includes pre-visit activities, classroom activity taught by a WAVE Foundation educator and a scavenger hunt to complete during your Aquarium tour. For more information call (859) 815-1442 or email

[wave@newportaquarium.com](mailto:wave@newportaquarium.com).



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## Did you know...?

### Fresh Water Stingrays



It's a common mistake but people think that stingrays exist only in the ocean. Not true! Some species of stingrays live in bodies of freshwater too. There are several species that live in tropical fresh waterways throughout the world. Like their salt water counterparts, they can deliver a very painful and potentially deadly sting with the venomous barb on their tails, even as babies. Stingrays are closely related to sharks in the class of fish called Elasmobranchs (fish with cartilage skeletons). Newport Aquarium showcases its own fresh water stingrays in the Amazon tunnel. And for a limited time, there are even some baby stingrays in the Deadly and Dangerous gallery.



### Dive into a Scuba Santa™ Sundae

The holidays never tasted so good. For a limited time only, select Graeter's stores will be offering a very special Scuba Santa™ Sundae. Made of a delectable mix of peppermint ice cream, bittersweet sauce, green sprinkles, whipped cream, cherry and capped off with an edible cone hat, the Scuba Santa™ Sundae is not to be missed. Plus, Passholders can get 5 percent off the sundae at the Monmouth Street location (in Newport) when they show their Passholder ID card. The Scuba Santa Sundae will be available from Dec. 5 to Jan. 3, in Northern Kentucky and Lexington Graeter's locations.



### The Price Is Right

The WAVE Foundation at the Newport Aquarium is pleased to announce that Price Charities will once again provide a generous \$25,000 grant this year. These funds are specifically designated to underwrite underprivileged students to participate in the WAVE Foundation's popular Finstitute classes. To date, the Price Charities grant has underwritten over 4,500 underprivileged students from approximately 60 area schools. All of the funds have gone directly to enrolling these students, who range from first to eighth grade, in the classes. The children have rarely, if ever, had an opportunity for such an experience. The WAVE Foundation is very proud of its youth education programs. Each class is designed to give students hands-on experiences that utilize their science and math curriculum in such a way that they begin to understand how this information can be used in the real world. At the same time, WAVE strives to excite, engage and educate each student about aquatic life and the importance of protecting our environment.



### Introducing Mom's Advisory Board

Newport Aquarium is looking for 12 moms to serve on an advisory board beginning this January. The mission of the Mom's Advisory Board is simple: to tap into the power and knowledge of the Tri-State's moms to help us do everything we can to provide families with the best experience that creates lasting memories. Selected Board Members will provide valuable insight and feedback on how to continue to provide a world-class Aquarium that families will enjoy for years to come. Terms would last 24 months. Applicants must have a permanent residence within 50 miles of the Newport Aquarium, have one or more children between the ages of 2-12 and have visited the Newport Aquarium within the last 18 months, among other requirements. If interested, please read the list of requirements and complete the [Board Member Application](#) by Dec. 31, 2008. Selected Board members will be notified either via e-mail or by phone. Thank you for your interest.

