

“Get Hooked” Fishing School

March 14
Experts in a variety of fishing techniques present workshops throughout the day. Five sessions of instruction plus prize drawings, giveaways and a catered lunch included with registration. Sponsored by the Aquarium and Sea Striker. **\$50 per person**; advance registration required. Call for more information.

Aquarium “Egg”stravaganza

April 11
Tour the Aquarium for an in-depth, larger-than-life look at the wondrous shapes and varieties of eggs that can be found in a coastal environment. Egg scavenger hunts, arts and crafts, and live animal programs complete the day!

It's a Party...
for the Planet!

Earth Day

April 19-25
Join us for a weeklong celebration honoring Earth Day as we “Party for the Planet,” with fun and engaging programs and activities. View the winners and other entries in the photo and essay contests on exhibit all week. Special events include:

Aquarium Earth Fair

April 25
10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Learn more about how to reduce your ecological footprint. Visit with vendors and find out what it takes to be fair trade, organic, sustainable and “green.”

Earth Day Film Festival

April 25
6 p.m. - 9 p.m. in Big Rock Theater Don't miss our first after-hours film festival! The highly acclaimed documentary, *Sharkwater*, leads the list of inspiring and engaging films that help us better understand the impact we all have on our environment.
\$4 per person

World Oceans Day

June 8
The Aquarium celebrates World Oceans Day, offering programs and activities that raise awareness about important issues facing the world's oceans. Animal explorations, underwater research and technology, and the growing problem of marine debris are among the featured themes.

Family Nights

Selected Thursdays throughout the summer
The Aquarium stays open late for our fun-filled and popular *Family Nights*. Lively themes, special guests and performances and children's activities and programs make these evenings wonderful adventures for the entire family. Activities from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. the following nights:

- June 18** Glow Wild!
- July 2** CSI: Critter Signs Investigation
- July 16** Banjos to Beach Music – NC Culture
- July 30** Sharks!
- Aug. 13** Pirates

Shark Week

July 26-Aug. 1
Fin-filled activities throughout the week reveal the mysterious and often misunderstood world of sharks. For an extra dose of toothy times, the Aquarium stays open until 9 p.m. on July 30 for a shark-themed Family Night.

CRUNCH! Giant Snapping Turtle

July
Crunch snaps up the spotlight for the month of July in the Aquarium's Changing Exhibits Gallery. At 165 pounds, the 150-year-old alligator snapping turtle outweighs many humans!

Sportfishing Clinics

Call for Dates
Expert fishermen provide instruction on gear and tackle to help you catch the big one! Topics vary. Call for dates and times.



Summer day camps combine fun and learning with hands-on, feet-wet experiences for children *entering* grades 2-7. **Registration begins April 1.** Advance registration and payments are required for all camps. Two weeks notice of cancellation is required for a full refund. Each camp runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and is limited to 12 participants.

Aquatic Adventurers

Grades 2-3
June 8 – 12 Session 1
July 20 – 24 Session 2
Young campers learn about coastal habitats and the animals that depend on them through discovery labs, animal feeding opportunities and outdoor excursions. **\$175 per session**

Coastal Explorers

Grades 4-5
June 22 – 26 Session 1
Aug. 17 – 21 Session 2
Explorers discover the world of aquatic life hidden under the surface through paddle trips, onboard collection cruises and behind-the-scenes activities. **\$175 per session**

Sea Scholars

Grades 6-7
July 6 – 10 Session 1
Aug. 3 – 7 Session 2
Fishing trips, kayak excursions through backwater marshes, onboard collection cruises and behind-the-scenes activities are on the agenda. **\$175 per session**



Let the Aquarium come to you!

For more information on our **Outreach Programs**, call 252-247-4003; Toll-free 866-294-3477, or see www.ncaquariums.com/pks/outreach

HOURS Daily 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

PHONE 252-247-4003
Toll free 866-294-3477

DIRECTIONS Five miles west of Atlantic Beach at Milepost 7. From NC 58, turn onto Pine Knoll Boulevard at the stoplight, then left onto Roosevelt Boulevard.

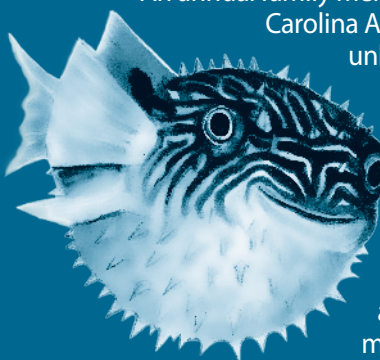
ACCESSIBILITY The parking lot, entrance, exhibits, restrooms, outdoor boardwalk and two marsh overlooks are wheelchair accessible.

ADMISSION \$8 adults; \$7 ages 62 and over; \$6 children ages 6-17. Children 5 and under, registered North Carolina school groups and members of the North Carolina Aquariums are admitted free.

MEMBERSHIP IN THE NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUMS

An annual family membership in the North Carolina Aquariums includes unlimited free admission for two adults and children and grandchildren under the age of 18 for one year. A family membership is \$50; an annual individual membership is \$30. Members also receive a 10 percent discount on Special Activities fees and items in the Aquarium Gift Shop. See the website for more details on benefits:

www.ncaquariums.com



Special Activities Policies

Fees
Except for sleepover programs and birthday parties, Special Activities fees do not include admission to the Aquarium.

Registration
Advance registration is required for all Special Activities programs. Call 252-247-4003 or 1-866-294-3477 to register, or sign up at the Visitor and Member Services window.

Cancellation Policy/Refund Policy
Cancellation notice required for deposit refunds:
• Sleepovers and camps - two weeks
• Birthday parties - 48 hours
• Prepaid programs - 24 hours

Programs are Weather Dependent
Registered participants will not be charged if the Aquarium cancels a program due to foul weather or other reasons.

Dress Code
All programs require closed-toe shoes. Call for more information.

The three North Carolina Aquariums are operated by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources. The North Carolina Aquarium Society provides additional funding through memberships and contributions. State of North Carolina, Beverly Eaves Perdue, Governor; Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources, Dee Freeman, Secretary. Accredited by Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). 25,000 copies of this public document were printed at a cost of 8.6 cents per copy.



North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores Spring & Summer 2009



Spring & Summer

2009 Calendar



NORTH · CAROLINA
AQUARIUM
at Pine Knoll Shores

Daily Programs **FREE** with Admission

Live Dive

Divers swim with the fishes and sharks in the 306,000-gallon *Living Shipwreck* exhibit, and talk with visitors through underwater microphones.

Daily at 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m.

Creature Feature

Why is a horseshoe crab like a spider? How big do sea turtles get? Come to the Big Rock Theater and discover the fascinating world of aquatic animals.

Daily at 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Animal Feedings

Watch the mealtime activity in the 306,000-gallon *Living Shipwreck* or in other exciting exhibits.

Daily at 11 a.m. & 3 p.m.

**Programs begin in June*

Otter Enrichment

Three river otters named Pungo, Neuse and Eno frolic and feast during their exercise and enrichment sessions.

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday & Sunday at 11 a.m.

Toddler Time

Bring your tots and spend some time in our classroom with crafts, games, music, puppets and animal encounters! This special time is dedicated to parents and toddlers, with age-appropriate experiences throughout the facility.

**Monday & Wednesday at 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.
March, April & May**

Aquarium Jeopardy*

Compete for prizes in an educational quiz game focused on the environment. **Daily at 3:30 p.m.**

Story Time*

Bring your preschoolers to the Aquarium for favorite stories about the world around us.

Friday at 9:30 a.m.

Critter Kitchen*

Have you ever heard of turtle brownies or seafood cut-mix? Join us in the Sportfishing Gallery and learn about how we prepare food for the animals.

Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 2 p.m.

Tankside Talks*

Look deeper as an Educator gives you the inside scoop on animals and exhibits throughout the Aquarium. You have to show up to see what the topic of the day will be!

Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday at 10 a.m.

Special Activity Programs

Advance registration for these programs is required. Call 252-247-4003 or toll-free 866-294-3477, or sign up at the Visitor and Member Services window. Outdoor programs are subject to cancellation due to weather conditions or low registration.

Monday

River Cruise*

Call for times. Keep a sharp eye out for birds, bottlenose dolphins and other marine life during this enjoyable, calm-water cruise. Ages 6 and up. **\$25**

Surfing*

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Learn to catch some waves in the North Carolina surf with the Aquarium's surfboards and expert instructions. Ages 10 and up. **\$25**

Sound Seafood: Catching Crabs and Clams*

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Learn the art of harvesting crabs and clams, and the importance of conserving coastal habitats. Ages 5 and up. **\$20**

Behind the Scenes: The Aquarium at a Glance

3 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. Visit food preparation areas, animal holding areas and labs, and get an overhead view of the *Living Shipwreck*. Closed-toe shoes required. Ages 5 and up. **\$5**

Tuesday

Breakfast with the Rays

8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Enjoy a continental breakfast and help feed these amazing animals before the Aquarium opens for the day. Ages 5 and up. **\$15**

Onboard Collection Cruise

Call for times. All aboard for a trawl and dredge excursion in coastal waters to see what comes up in our nets. Ages 6 and up. **\$25**

Fishing Fanatics

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Learn to catch the big ones from the surf with hands-on instruction. Equipment, bait and licensing requirements are covered. Ages 10 and up. **\$20**

Nature Crafts*

1 p.m. - 2 p.m. Create your own nature-themed masterpiece, with step-by-step guidance and supplies provided. Ages 5 and up. **\$12**

Wednesday

Snorkeling for Kids - Bogue Sound*

Call for times. Kids learn what lies beneath the surface of Bogue Sound as they snorkel with an Aquarium naturalist. Gear provided. Ages 5 and up. **\$20**

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Night Trek*

7 p.m. - 9 p.m. Stroll the nighttime beach as you learn about the fascinating life of sea turtles, and look for loggerheads nesting in the sand. Ages 5 and up. **\$8**

Thursday

Onboard Collection Cruise*

Call for times. All aboard for a trawl and dredge excursion in coastal waters, and see what comes up in our nets. Ages 6 and up. **\$25**

Picnic Paddle - Roosevelt Natural Area

10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Bring a picnic and enjoy a leisurely canoe trek to explore the mysteries of the salt marsh. Ages 6 and up; paddlers 12 and up. **\$20**

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Dinner with the Critters

6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Enjoy pizza, learn about animal care and see what it's like to feed the animals in the invertebrate touch pool. Ages 5 and up. **\$15**

Friday

Cape Lookout Exploration*

Call for times. Meet Aquarium staff at the ferry dock for a boat trip over to the Cape! As you hike across the undeveloped island on the lookout for wildlife, you also learn about the unique culture of our coast. Don't forget a picnic lunch. Ages 8 and up. **\$25**

Snorkeling the Sea - Radio Island*

Call for times. Glimpse the mysteries below the surface with a snorkeling trip to Radio Island, led by an Aquarium naturalist. Gear provided. Ages 10 and up. **\$25**

Aquarist Apprentice*

1 p.m. - 4 p.m. Join Aquarium staff on a behind-the-scenes tour, help prepare animal meals and then participate in some daily care and maintenance tasks. Educators will teach you about the animals as you assist our Aquarists with their caretaking responsibilities. Ages 14 and up. **\$25**

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Saturday

Kayaking the Roosevelt Natural Area

9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Explore tidal flats and quiet backwaters as you become aware of the intricate web of life thriving in this pristine natural environment. The Aquarium provides the kayaks. Ages 12 and up. **\$20**

Aquarium ABCs

10 a.m. - 11 a.m. Preschoolers spend an hour learning about aquatic species with live animals, crafts to bring home, storytelling and videos. Ages 3-5. **\$8**

Critter Class

1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. Creative art projects, games, videos and live animals introduce young children to marine life. Ages 6-8. **\$8**

Sunday

Barrier Island Exploration

10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Trek the maritime forest, the salt marsh and the shallow waters of Bogue Sound to learn about the fascinating creatures that live in these vital habitats. Ages 8 and up. **\$10**

Behind the Scenes: Aquarium Close Encounters

2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Visit labs and holding areas, help with food preparation and feed the animals in this thorough behind-the-scenes adventure that includes an overhead view of the *Living Shipwreck*. Ages 8 and up. **\$12**

Night Trek*

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Party with the Animals

Birthday Parties

Turtles, Alligators, Sea Stars, Sharks . . .

pick a theme for a lively celebration. Recommended for ages 4-10. Select from three party packages ranging from \$200 - \$375 for 12 children and 12 adults. Additional participants can be accommodated for a small charge. Advance registration is required.

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