

Fall & Winter

2009-2010 Calendar



NORTH · CAROLINA
AQUARIUM
at Pine Knoll Shores

Daily Programs **FREE** with Admission

Check monitors throughout the Aquarium for program locations.

Story Time

Friday, 9:30 a.m. Bring your preschoolers to the Clearwater Classroom for stories about the world around us.

Toddler Time

Wednesday, 10 a.m. 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.

Live Dive!

Daily, 10:30 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. Divers swim with the fishes and sharks in the 306,000-gallon *Living Shipwreck* exhibit, and interact with visitors via underwater microphones.

Animal Feedings

Daily, 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Watch the mealtime activity in the 306,000-gallon *Living Shipwreck*, or in other exciting exhibits.

Otter Enrichment

Saturday & Sunday, 11 a.m. Three river otters named Pungo, Neuse and Eno frolic and feast during their exercise and enrichment sessions.



Creature Feature

Daily, 11:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m. Why is a horseshoe crab like a spider? How big do sea turtles get? How can you recognize a venomous snake? Come to the Big Rock Theater and discover the fascinating world of aquatic animals.



Special Activity Programs

Advance registration for these programs is required. Call 252-247-4003, 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

Succulent Seafood

2 p.m. – 4 p.m. Local chefs demonstrate how to prepare fresh local seafood with a flourish. Sessions include a taste test!
Ages 12 and up. \$15

Tuesday

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 tour that includes a look at the *Living Shipwreck* from above.
Ages 8 and up. \$10

Wednesday

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 tank.
Ages 5 and up. \$15

Thursday

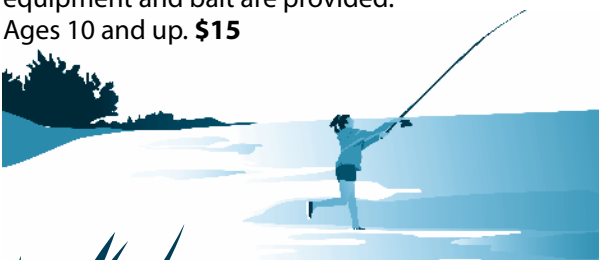
Nighttime Pier Fishing*

4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Join Aquarium staff for an introduction to the joys of pier fishing. This course covers everything needed to fish from one of our local piers – licensing, bait selection, species information, laws and regulations.
Ages 8 and up. \$20

Friday

Surf Fishing*

9 a.m. – 12 p.m. Learn to catch the big ones from the surf. Two hours of fishing follow an hour of instruction. License requirement is covered and equipment and bait are provided.
Ages 10 and up. \$15



Saturday

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

Aquarium ABCs

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

Critter Class

2 p.m. – 3 p.m. Creative art projects, games, videos and live animals introduce young children to aquatic life.
Ages 6-8. \$8

Sunset Kayak Trip*

4 p.m. – 6 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 kayaks.
Ages 12 and up. \$20

Sunday

Early Bird Canoe Trip*

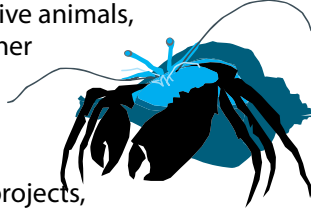
9 a.m. – 11 a.m. Grab a paddle and join the Aquarium for a paddling adventure your family will never forget. Load up canoes, provided by the Aquarium, and enjoy a leisurely ride through quiet backwaters to explore the diversity of a salt marsh.
Ages 10 and up. \$20

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 13 and up. \$25

Behind-the-Scenes: Aquarium at a Glance

4 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. Visit food preparation areas, animal holding areas and labs, and get a look at the *Living Shipwreck* from above.
Ages 5 and up. \$5



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.

Sleep with the Fishes

Roll out your sleeping bag by the *Living Shipwreck* as sharks, eels and fishes swim just inches away. Snacks, crafts, movies, programs, breakfast and an Aquarium T-shirt are included in the fee of \$35 per person. Sleepovers can be scheduled in the fall, winter and spring for groups with a minimum of 12 people; maximum of 30. Advance registration is required. Seasonal registration begins:
Fall - August 1
Winter - November 1
Spring - February 1

Scout Activities

Register your troop for Special Activities and Badge Programs designed specifically with Scouts in mind. Join Aquarium instructors on an adventure that fosters creative exploration, scientific theory and feet-wet fun! Visit our website for more information.

www.ncaquariums.com

252-247-4003

*Programs available September through November, weather permitting

All Special Activity Programs can be modified to fit your small-group needs. Please contact the Aquarium Registrar at (252) 247-4003, ext. 257 for more information on availability.

Free Admission

Veterans Day - Nov. 11

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday - Jan 18

19th Annual Surf Fishing Workshop

Oct. 9-11

Get a line on surf fishing from the experts during this hands-on course that covers rods, reels, weights, line, tackle, knots, bait, cast netting, reading the surf and caring for the catch, culminating with a surf fishing trip to Cape Lookout. See the website for age requirements and other details. Advance registration required. **\$150**

“Get Hooked” Fishing School

March 13

Registration begins Jan. 2. Experts in a variety of techniques present workshops throughout the day. Four sessions of instruction plus raffles, giveaways and a catered lunch are included. Sponsored by the Aquarium and Sea Striker. Advance registration required -- call for fees and other details.

Sportfishing Clinics



Expert fishermen provide instruction, demonstrations and information on gear and tackle to help you catch the big one!

Check the website for topics and dates.

TRICK OR TREAT UNDER the SEA



Oct. 28-29, 4:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Come explore the haunted sea for a howling good time. An aquatic twist makes this Halloween festival a real treat for all ages. Enjoy trick-or-treating and other fun and games throughout the Aquarium. Ticket sales end at 7:30 p.m.

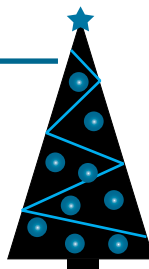
Special admission price: \$6 per person; ages 2 and under free.

Memberships, advance tickets and complimentary passes do not apply to this event.

Dinner with Santa

Dec. 11

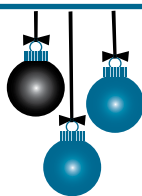
Tell Santa your wishes and have dinner with the fishes at this special holiday evening for children and families at the Aquarium. Advance registration is required and space is limited.



Open House & Food Drive

Dec. 12

Enjoy free admission with one non-perishable food item per person, and visit with Santa.



Call 252-247-4003
Toll-free 866-294-3477
www.ncaquariums.com

Aquarium Camps

Aquarium camps combine fun and learning into unforgettable adventures. Children enjoy outdoor activities, discovery labs, crafts, videos, behind-the-scenes action and more. Each camp is limited to 12 participants. Advance registration and payments are required. Full refund given with two weeks notice of cancellation.

Winter Camps - Registration begins October 27.

Aquatic Adventurers

Dec. 28-30, 8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

\$100 Grades 2-3

Coastal Explorers

Jan. 18-20, 8:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.

\$100 Grades 4-5

Summer Camps - Registration begins April 1.

Contact the Aquarium for more information.

Aquarium Outreach

Programs for Schools, Community Groups, Festivals

Bones, Baleen and Blubber; Life in the Sea; Sea Turtle Trails; & Traveling Touch Tanks!

Aquarium Outreach programs such as these bring fun, hands-on, educational activities to your event or classroom. Live animals, props and other interactive educational tools make these programs entertaining, enriching and exciting for all ages. Presentations can be adapted for an array of different events and groups.

See the website for the full selection of topics and fee information.

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.

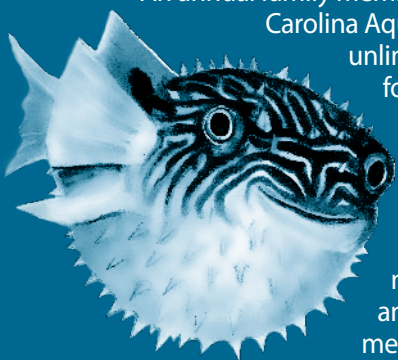
ADMISSION \$8 adults; \$7 ages 62 and over; \$6 children ages 6-17. Children 5 and under, registered North Carolina school groups and members of the North Carolina Aquariums are admitted free.

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.

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