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AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC **2012 HIGHLIGHTED EVENTS & OPENINGS**

New major penguin exhibit planned for May 2012 features rescued penguins

Not just an aquarium...ballet, opera, symphony, cultural dance and art, culinary adventures, classes for college credit, movies, and other opportunities abound in 2012 at Southern California's largest aquarium

Monday through Friday, January 1-6, 2012

New Year's Holiday Late Nights

5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Ring in the New Year with the fishes while taking advantage of special savings. The public is invited to enjoy the Aquarium of the Pacific's Holiday Late Nights where everyone gets in for the lowest Late Night price of the year, just \$12.95 per person after 5:00 p.m. The Aquarium will remain open until 9:00 p.m. on these special nights of the New Year. Visitors will have the opportunity to journey through the Pacific Ocean to meet over 11,000 animals, including more than 150 sharks they can touch. In addition, the Aquarium's short films will be shown in the Honda Theater throughout the evening. Please note: the Lorikeet Forest aviary closes at 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$12.95 per person

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

Movie & Panel Discussion: Using Animated Films to Make Ocean Issues Come Alive for Kids

Filmmaker Brandon Strathmann & Scientist Scott Hewitt

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Meet award-winning filmmaker Brandon Strathmann, and see two of his films that focus on protecting the ocean. Scott Hewitt, a professor of chemistry at California State University, Fullerton, will introduce the films and discuss ocean acidification and its impacts. *The Plastic Perils of the Pacific* highlights the issue of plastic pollution in the ocean and how it affects the animals that live there. *Dissolving Destinies*, a 3D animated film, addresses ocean acidification and follows a crab through a coral reef. See the effects of ocean acidification, and learn more about how what we do on land affects what happens to the oceans. Strathmann is an assistant professor of animation at the Art Institute of Boston at Lesley University.

Cost: \$5 for public; FREE for Aquarium members, teachers, and students with valid ID and advanced reservations.

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Info: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Friday evenings, January 13 through May 25 (except Feb. 10 & 24, Apr. 13 & 20), 2012

Shark Lagoon Nights

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

The public is invited to get up close with the ocean's ultimate predators for free during Shark Lagoon Nights at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Guests will have the opportunity to touch more than 150 sharks and see large sharks like the sand tiger shark at the Shark Lagoon exhibit on select Friday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Shark Lagoon brings guests closer to these predators than they ever imagined was possible. Guests can

touch and learn about sharks, shop, purchase drinks and snacks, and enjoy live music during select Shark Lagoon Nights.

Cost: FREE

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Saturday, January 21, 2012

Underwater Parks Day

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Visitors to the Aquarium of the Pacific are invited to learn more about California's network of forty-nine Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) covering approximately 354 square miles of state waters. Guests will be able to learn how they can enjoy visiting MPAs and about the commercial and recreational activities permitted. MPA stories will be told using films and interactive exhibits. The event will also feature a presentation by an underwater photographer and educational booths and activities in the Great Hall. As guests explore the Aquarium to meet over 11,000 animals, they will also encounter animals and plants that inhabit the waters off Southern California, including sea lions, sharks, rockfishes, and spiny lobsters.

Cost: General Admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Saturday & Sunday, January 28-29, 2012

Festival of Human Abilities

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific for its ninth annual Festival of Human Abilities, a celebration highlighting the creative talents and abilities of people with disabilities. This event will feature wheelchair dance, live music, signing choirs, art demonstrations, accessible SCUBA diving demonstrations, storytelling, interactive workshops, and other creative performances by people who have disabilities. Sign language interpreters will be present at all major shows and an audio tour is available for those who are blind.

Cost: General Admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

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Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Friday, February 3, 2012

Blue Cavern Lounge

7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.

Aquarium Pacific Circle members are invited to enjoy an evening of entertainment and education. Immerse yourself in the beauty of the exhibits while enjoying hors d' oeuvres. Learn more about the Aquarium's newborn animals and how they are raised onsite, including sharks, seahorses, and sea jellies. Explore the Aquarium's exhibits, like the Tropical Pacific Gallery, where acoustic guitar will fill this unique space with the sounds of flamenco and other soulful music. To learn more about joining the Aquarium's Pacific Circle, visit http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/give/pacific_circle

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Info/RSVP: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Friday, February 10, 2012

Night Dive

7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Take in the Aquarium at night, when the lights go down and the bubble curtain goes up in the three-story-tall Blue Cavern exhibit. At the Aquarium of the Pacific's Night Dive, geared toward adults ages 18 and up, enjoy bands, groove to some DJs, and be moved by works of art. The Aquarium will have special programs and hands-on projects that will be sure to engage, inspire, and enlighten.

Ages: 18 years and over (21+ for alcohol)

Cost: \$14.95 per person for admission (bar drinks sold separately)

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Monday, February 14, 2011

Valentine's Day

5:00 p.m.-9 p.m. (dinner 7:30 p.m.)

Celebrate Valentine's Day with someone special or the whole family at the Aquarium of the Pacific. The Aquarium will be open until 9:00 p.m. on Valentine's Day and will feature a unique, one-stop Valentine's Day experience. Admission after 5:00 p.m. is just \$14.95 for adults and \$13.95 for children. Whether it is a romantic dinner or an evening stroll with your family to see adorable sea otters, there is a unique Valentine's Day celebration awaiting everyone at the Aquarium. Explore the Aquarium at night with its elegant lighting and the opportunity to see the nighttime activities of the animals. Exhibits will be open for viewing, except Lorikeet Forest. Gaze at mesmerizing sea jellies, watch the giant Pacific octopus, and see mysterious sharks. For an additional charge, enjoy a multi-course, gourmet dinner. Advance dinner reservations are highly recommended as it sells out early. Cost for dinner is \$62 per adult and \$52 per child (includes Aquarium admission). Cash bars will be available beginning at 6:30 p.m. The Pacific Collections gift store will be featuring a selection of plush baby seals, polar bears, penguins, and other cute stuffed animals and jewelry for that perfect gift.

Admission: Just \$14.95 per adult (12+) and \$13.95 per child (3-11) after 5:00 p.m. (free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members)

Dinner-Admission Combo Cost: \$62 per adult and \$52 per child (includes Aquarium admission, member discounts available)

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: www.aquariumofpacific.org / 562-590-3100

Saturday & Sunday, February 25-26, 2012

African American Festival – 10th Anniversary

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific as it hosts its tenth annual African American Festival, celebrating the rich diversity of African American and African cultures. The weekend will feature live entertainment, arts and crafts, ethnic food, and more. Festival performers include hip hop and break dancers, tap dancers, Mardi Gras second line dancers, jazz musicians, interactive drum circles, West African dancers, and storytellers.

Cost: General Admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

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Saturday, March 10, 2012

Neighborhood Street Cleanup – 10th Annual

10:00 a.m.-noon

Cleaning up the streets can help protect the ocean. Do your part to help keep the ocean clean by joining the Aquarium of the Pacific at our tenth annual Neighborhood Street Cleanup at Cesar Chavez Park in Long Beach. Pitch in by picking up trash and helping to prevent pollution from entering the ocean, affecting marine life and our beaches. Each participant will receive a special Aquarium discount. Be sure to bring a water bottle.

Cost: FREE

Location: Cesar Chavez Park, at 401 Golden Avenue, Long Beach

Info: 562-590-3100, ext. 0 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Monday, March 13, 2012

Guest Lecture & Book Signing

Heidi Cullen: Seeing Climate, Seeing Change

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

If seeing is believing, then how do you show people the phenomenon of climate change? And how do you prove that recent extreme events may be partially a result of global warming? In her lecture, Dr. Heidi Cullen will explore the difficulties of communicating the science of climate change and will look at the current state of public perception. She will provide an overview of past, present, and future climate change and will also reflect

on the need to improve our ability to visualize climate change as well as provide examples of the energy infrastructure changes we need to solve the problem of global warming. Copies of Dr. Cullen's book, *The Weather of the Future*, will be available for sale. There will be a book signing after the lecture.

Cost: \$5 for public; FREE for Aquarium members, teachers, and students with valid ID and advanced reservations.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Sunday, March 24, 2012

Divers Day

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Learn all about recent advancements in diving at the Aquarium of the Pacific's eleventh annual Divers Day. There will be educational presentations, live dive demonstrations, and more. The Aquarium will also host several organizations that are related to the sport and science of diving. The diving community is invited to find out about volunteer diving and other opportunities for involvement with dive-related organizations in Southern California. Divers who present valid proof of certification with their photo I.D. will receive free admission.

Cost: FREE for SCUBA divers with valid proof of certification and photo I.D. or general admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Sunday, March 24, 2012

Autism Families Night

5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Join us for a special evening at the Aquarium exclusively for families with adults or children with autism. The entire Aquarium, except Lorikeet Forest, will be open until 9:00 p.m. This will be a peaceful evening when guests can enjoy the tranquility of our exhibits and meet 11,000 animals from the world's largest ocean.

Cost: \$5 per person. Free for Aquarium members and children under age 3.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Friday, April 6, 2011

Noche de Estrellas / Latin-Themed Late Night

6:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m.

Live Latin Music, Dancing, Dinner, & More

Party with the sea stars at the Aquarium's Latin-themed Late Night. The Aquarium will remain open until 10:30 p.m., so you can dance under the sea stars to the sounds of cumbia, salsa, cha cha, rumba, and more. Noche de Estrellas (Night of the Stars) will feature live bands, DJs, underwater dive shows, scavenger hunts with prizes, and ocean activities. Mexican cuisine, beers, and drinks will be available for purchase. Guests can journey through the Pacific Ocean to meet over 11,000 animals, including more than 150 sharks they can touch. Please note: the Lorikeet Forest aviary closes at 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$14.95 per adult (12+), \$13.95 per child (3-11), and free for kids under age 3 and Aquarium members (food and drinks sold separately)

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org (for Spanish [aquariumofpacific/espaiol](http://www.aquariumofpacific.org/espaiol))

Sunday, April 8, 2012

Easter Brunch

Join us for an elegant Easter brunch and fun-filled day at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Your whole family will delight in the amazing sea life and a delicious brunch on this special holiday.

Cost: \$42 per adult (12+), \$32 per child (member discounts available), includes admission to the Aquarium.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Friday through Sunday, April 13, 14, 15, 2012

Aquarium CLOSED due to Long Beach Grand Prix

The Aquarium of the Pacific will be closed Friday through Sunday, April 13-15 due to the Long Beach Grand Prix street closures. The Aquarium will reopen, resuming regular hours of operation on Monday, April 16, 2012.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Thursdays, April 19 & 26 and May 3 & 10, 2012

Aquatic Academy Course: Extreme Events in Southern California: How Will Climate Change Affect Their Frequency, Intensity, and Impact?

7:00 p.m.-9:30 p.m.

In this course we will explore with experts the nature of extreme events: their drivers, their history, and prognosis for the future; how climate change may affect their frequency, intensity, and impact; and what can be done to reduce their impacts on society. The classes will take place on four-consecutive Thursday evenings beginning on April 19 and can be taken for continuing education units (CEU).

Ages: 18+

Cost: \$60 per person; \$10 extra for CEU credit (Aquarium member discounts available)

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, Watershed Classroom, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/RSVP: www.aquariumofpacific.org / Erin Russell, erussell@lbaop.org, 562-951-1609

Saturday & Sunday, April 21-22, 2012

Earth Day Celebration

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Learn what you can do to help our ocean planet at the Aquarium of the Pacific's twelfth annual Earth Day Celebration. Join the Aquarium for a weekend of family fun celebrating Earth Day while learning simple, everyday tips to protect our environment. Visit booths from various Earth-friendly organizations and participate in hands-on learning demonstrations for people of all ages.

Cost: General Admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Saturday & Sunday, April 28-29, 2012

International Children's Day

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The Aquarium of the Pacific's seventh annual International Children's Day is a special festival for kids. Celebrating the amazing talents of children of all cultures, this festival will feature international music and dance performances by kids. An international choir, Mexican folkloric dance, Pacific Islander, Cambodian, Chinese, and Japanese traditional dance, Native American song and dance, and West African drum and dance are among the children's performances. Kids of all ages can enjoy hip hop dance and martial arts demonstrations and can also partake in arts and crafts, facepainting, educational programs, and more. The Aquarium will honor a local youth with its annual Young Hero Award in recognition of his or her efforts to make this planet a better place. Celebrate the children in your life through this special annual event.

Cost: General admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

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Saturday & Sunday, May 5-6, 2012

Urban Ocean Festival

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Join us as we explore and celebrate Southern California's Urban Ocean with a weekend festival. The event will include art exhibitions, mural painting, poetry readings, food, booths, and educational activities. There will also be Urban Ocean boat cruises available during the weekend at an additional cost.

Cost: General Admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members. Additional cost for Urban Ocean boat cruises.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Sunday, May 13, 2012

Mother's Day Brunch

This Mother's Day, show your mom she deserves the best! Join us at the Aquarium of the Pacific for an amazing day celebrating moms. Delight in our decadent brunch and explore the wonders of the Pacific Ocean.

Cost: \$42 per adult (12+) and \$32 per child (member discounts available.)

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Wednesday, May 16, 2012

Press Preview: Aquarium's First Penguin Exhibit

10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Members of the media are invited to the press preview for the Aquarium of the Pacific's first penguin exhibit, the June Keyes Penguin Habitat. The new permanent exhibit, home to the first penguins in the Aquarium's collection, will open to the public on May 17, 2012. The exhibit will feature Magellanic penguins, some of which were rescued from Brazil where they were stranded outside their native habitat. The penguins will join the Aquarium's collection of more than 11,000 animals in the institution's fifty exhibits representing the diversity of the Pacific Ocean.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Media RSVP: mpadilla@lbaop.org or 562-590-3109

Thursday, May 17, 2012

Aquarium's First Penguin Exhibit Opens

9:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

The Aquarium of the Pacific will debut a new permanent exhibit, the June Keyes Penguin Habitat, home to the first penguins in the Aquarium's collection. The exhibit will feature Magellanic penguins, some of which were rescued from Brazil where they were stranded outside their native habitat. The penguins will join the Aquarium's collection of more than 11,000 animals in the institution's fifty exhibits representing the diversity of the Pacific Ocean.

Cost: General admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Saturday & Sunday, June 2-3, 2012

Pacific Islander Festival

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Discover the rich and diverse cultures of the Pacific Islands through traditional craft demonstrations, ethnic cuisine, educational programs, storytelling, and an ocean of entertainment, including music and dance performances. Watch hula performances, listen to Tahitian drumming, try out ancient Hawaiian games, enjoy island cuisine, and admire artisans as they create traditional weavings. The ninth annual Pacific Islander Festival will feature various cultures, including Hawaiian, Fijian, Marshallese, Chamoru, Tahitian, Samoan, Tokelau, and Maori.

Cost: General Admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

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Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Thursday, June 7, 2012

Long Beach Symphony Orchestra Presents *Sounds and Spaces* Series

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Members of the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra will perform a concert in the Aquarium's Great Hall as part of the orchestra's *Sounds and Spaces* series. Relax and let your imagination flow as the musicians take you on a journey in a setting surrounded by the fishes. The mission of the Long Beach Symphony Orchestra is to enrich its community by providing high-quality traditional and contemporary symphonic music and life-shaping educational experiences.

Cost: pricing to be available online

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Friday, June 8, 2012

Guest Lecture: World of Penguins

7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

In a special presentation themed to coincide with the new June Keyes Penguin Habitat unveiled in May 2012, penguin expert Dee Boersma will discuss her research on seabirds like Magellanic Penguins as indicators of environmental change. Dr. Boersma is the Wadsworth Endowed Chair in Conservation Science in the University of Washington's department of biology. She is also director of the Wildlife Conservation Society's Penguin Project and a 2010 TED Conference speaker.

Cost: \$5 for public; FREE for Aquarium members, teachers, and students with valid ID and advanced reservations.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Saturday, June 9, 2012

Aquarium After Dark

Experience the Aquarium like never before, and find out what really happens in the ocean...*after dark*. Guests will enjoy animal encounters, hands-on interactive experiences, live entertainment, hosted bar, strolling gourmet food stations, and more. Celebrating our relationship with our ocean planet, this fundraiser will benefit the Aquarium's ocean education and conservation efforts. The Aquarium will also bestow its prestigious 2012 Ocean Conservation Award.

COST: For per person pricing, please visit the events page at www.aquariumofpacific.org or call 562-590-3100

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info: For sponsorship opportunities and other questions, please contact Linda Glasco at 562-951-1606 or lglasco@lbaop.org.

Sunday evenings June 10 through September 2, 2012

Aquarium of the Pacific Late Nights

5:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

The public is invited to enjoy the Aquarium of the Pacific after hours while taking advantage of special savings. During Sundays in the summer the Aquarium will offer its Late Nights where admission will be just \$14.95 per adult and \$13.95 per child after 5:00 p.m., and the Aquarium will remain open until 9:00 p.m. Visitors will have the opportunity to journey through the Pacific Ocean to meet over 11,000 animals, including more than 150 sharks they can touch. In addition, the Aquarium's short films will be shown in the Honda Theater throughout the evening. Please note: the Lorikeet Forest aviary closes at 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$14.95 per adult (12+) and \$13.95 kids (3-11). Free for kids ages 3 and under and Aquarium members.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org (for a full list of Discounted Late Nights)

Sunday, June 17, 2012

Father's Day BBQ

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Celebrate Father's Day with the entire family at the Aquarium of the Pacific's annual picnic. Savor lunch, enjoy picturesque views of Rainbow Harbor, and delight in the underwater sea life of the Aquarium. Pet sharks and rays with your dad, and discover cool ocean dads like seahorses and sea dragons.

Cost: \$35 per adult (12+) and \$27 per child, price includes picnic and admission (member discounts available)

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Wednesday, July 4, 2012

July 4th BBQ

Celebrate Independence Day with the red, white, and blue fish at the Aquarium of the Pacific. Families will be able to witness the ambiance of the Aquarium at night and get a fish-eye view of the City of Long Beach fireworks display. Wave the flag, watch the fireworks, and spark up some BBQ with the Aquarium of the Pacific. Join the Aquarium on July 4th for some fresh grilled BBQ. Then take a trip inside to see the wonders of the sea. Make it a day of fun for you and the whole family.

Hours: Please check online for event times

Cost: \$37 per adult (12+) and \$29 per child (member discounts available)

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Thursday, September 6, 2012

Seniors Day

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The Aquarium of the Pacific will open its doors for free to seniors ages 50 and above on this special day. Special exhibits for seniors will include booth displays by the Aquarium's volunteer services, education, animal husbandry departments, and more.

Cost: FREE to ages 50 and over with a valid photo ID or \$24.95 adult (12+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Friday evenings, September 7 through December 28, 2012 (except Oct. 26)

Shark Lagoon Nights

6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

The public is invited to get up close with the ocean's ultimate predators at the Aquarium of the Pacific for free during Shark Lagoon Nights. Guests will have the opportunity to touch more than 150 sharks and see large sharks such as the sand tiger shark at the Shark Lagoon exhibit on select Friday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Shark Lagoon brings guests closer to these predators than they ever imagined was possible. Guests can touch and learn about sharks, shop, purchase drinks and snacks, and enjoy live music during select Shark Lagoon Nights.

Cost: FREE

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Friday & Saturday, September 7 & 8, 2012

Long Beach Opera, Gavin Bryar's *Paper Nautilus*

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Long Beach Opera will premiere Gavin Bryar's opera *Paper Nautilus* in a performance in the Aquarium's Great Hall. Guests will be seated under a life-size model of the largest animal on the planet, the blue whale, and will be surrounded by ocean life as they take in the dramatic and unconventional sounds of this inaugural performance. This ocean-themed production is part of Long Beach Opera's "Outer Limits" series that features musical outliers that defy classification and includes a broad spectrum of music styles, theatrical innovation, and experimental storytelling. The Long Beach Opera's artistic vision is to present unconventional works,

ranging from the very beginnings of opera to modern, avant-garde, emphasizing their theatrical and musical relevance to our time.

Cost: pricing to be available online

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Saturday, September 15, 2012

California Coastal Cleanup Day

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Join the Aquarium of the Pacific in cleaning up Alamitos Beach in Long Beach as part of the statewide Coastal Cleanup Day. The public and members are invited to help Aquarium staff clean Alamitos Beach, located at Ocean Boulevard and Shoreline Drive. Help protect our ocean and marine life by picking up trash. Gloves, bags, and a spirit of camaraderie will be provided. Please look for the Aquarium booth to check in and receive your cleaning supplies. No RSVP necessary.

Cost: FREE

Location: Alamitos Beach, off of Shoreline and Ocean below the Villa Riviera

Info: 562-590-3100, ext. 0; 1-800-COAST-4U (1-800-262-7848); or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Saturday & Sunday, September 22-23, 2012

Moompetam: Native American Festival

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

In celebration of the local Native American cultures, the Aquarium of the Pacific will host its eighth annual Moompetam Festival. This weekend celebration will feature traditional cultural crafts, storytelling, educational programs, live demonstrations, music, and dance celebrating the indigenous California Indian maritime cultures, including Tongva, Chumash, Acjachemen, Costanoan, Luiseno, and Kumeyaay.

Cost: General Admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Saturday & Sunday, September 29-30, 2012

Baja Splash Cultural Festival

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month and Mexican Independence Day, the Aquarium of the Pacific will host its eleventh annual Baja Splash Cultural Festival featuring live entertainment, crafts, educational programs, ethnic cuisine, and much more. The Aquarium's weekend festival will celebrate the beauty and diversity of Hispanic cultures through song, dance, art, and cultural displays. Mariachi music, Mexican folkloric and Aztec dance troupes, interactive mural painting, Salvadoran dance, and other special programs. Guests can also learn more about the amazing animals of Baja, Mexico and how to help protect them.

Cost: General Admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Friday through Sunday, October 5, 6 & 7, 2012

Long Beach Ballet

7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Join the Long Beach Ballet as it presents a production inspired by the ocean and the Aquarium. This performance will capture the changing relationship between humans and the ocean, particularly along the Southern California coast where the urban ocean hosts uses by both animals and humans.

Cost: pricing to be available online

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Saturday, October 6, 2012

Southeast Asia Day

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

The Aquarium of the Pacific will celebrate its eighth annual Southeast Asia Day. The festival's program will highlight the beauty and diversity of the cultures of Cambodia, Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, Laos, and Indonesia. Guests will enjoy live performances, including music, dance, and cultural craft demonstrations. Ethnic dishes will be available for purchase, and children will have the opportunity to partake in arts and crafts.

Cost: General Admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

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Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012

Aquarium Kids Fun Run

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Up to 2,000 kids ages 6 to 12 can race in the Aquarium Kids Fun Run. Participants will receive a commemorative marine animal medal, a finisher certificate, and free Aquarium admission (applicable to child runners only, must be accompanied by a paying adult inside the Aquarium). As part of a major emphasis on improving youth health and fitness as well as helping to counter the major childhood obesity epidemic, the nonprofit Aquarium of the Pacific has joined forces with RUN Racing and the Long Beach International City Bank Marathon & Half Marathon. Together they will host this one-mile Kids Fun Run.

Cost: Pricing will be available online (Plus Kids participating receive free Aquarium admission)

Location: Rainbow Harbor, adjacent to the Aquarium

Info/Registration: www.runlongbeach.com or call 562-427-4606.

Saturday, October 13, 2012

Sea Fare: Dine with the fish, and bid on exciting auction items

7:00 p.m.- 11:00 p.m.

Dive into the Aquarium of the Pacific's ninth annual Sea Fare fundraiser for an evening of dining, live music, silent and live auctions, and more. Guests will kick off the night with an open bar and live music and dine with the fish while sampling diverse cuisines from local restaurants and food and beverage companies. Attendees will have the opportunity to bid on a range of unique live and silent auction items. Proceeds will lend a helping fin to the nonprofit Aquarium's ocean conservation and education efforts.

Cost: \$100 per person, which includes an open bar and diverse samplings of food provided by area restaurants

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/RSVP: 562-951-1606 or lglasco@lbaop.org

Saturday & Sunday, October 20-21, 2012

Scarium of the Pacific

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Discover the creatures lurking in the depths of the Pacific at the Scarium of the Pacific—a spooktacular educational Halloween event for the whole family. Enjoy special Halloween programs, including the annual children's costume contest, the creepy coloring contest, magic shows, underwater pumpkin carving, spooky storytelling, kooky crafts, eerie animals in the Great Hall, and much more.

Cost: General Admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Thursdays, October 25 and November 1, 8, and 15, 2012

Aquatic Academy: Fall Course

The Aquarium of the Pacific's Aquatic Academy courses focus on pressing environmental issues and are taught by experts. The classes will take place on four-consecutive Thursday evenings beginning on October 25

and can be taken for continuing education units (CEU). For topics information and syllabus, please visit the Aquarium's website.

Ages: 18+

Cost: \$60 per person; \$10 extra for CEU credit (Aquarium member discounts available)

Location: Watershed Classroom, Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/RSVP: www.aquariumofpacific.org / Erin Russell, erussell@lbaop.org, 562-951-1609

Friday, October 26, 2012

Night Dive

7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Join in as the Aquarium of Pacific opens its doors for its Halloween Night Dive. Enjoy a cocktail and soak in the ambiance while artists, DJs, and bands set the stage for a hauntingly ghoulish engagement. The bat rays will be waiting for you along with over 11,000 animals from mesmerizing jellies and hypnotic sea dragons to awe-inspiring sharks. Dress in costume or dress as yourself for this 18-and-over party.

Ages: 18 years and over (21+ for alcohol)

Cost: \$14.95 per person for admission (bar drinks sold separately)

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100, ext. 0, or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Saturday & Sunday, November 3-4, 2012

Autumn Festival

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Delve into the arts, cuisines, cultures, and marine environments of Asia during the Aquarium of the Pacific's eleventh annual Autumn Festival. The Autumn Festival highlights the traditions and cultures of Japan, China, Korea, and the Philippines through a weekend of learning opportunities and family entertainment celebrating the rich diversity of Asian and Asian American cultures. The festival will feature traditional crafts, music, dance, demonstrations, cultural arts exhibits, ethnic cuisine, storytelling, and much more. Move to the sounds of taiko drumming, watch dancers, acrobats, and martial arts demonstrations. Try your hand at origami, and purchase hand-made crafts.

Cost: General Admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Monday, November 12, 2012

Veterans Day

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

In celebration of Veterans Day, the Aquarium of the Pacific honors veterans, military personnel, police officers, and firefighters. These men and women are invited to enjoy the Aquarium with free admission on Veterans Day.

Cost: FREE for veterans, military personnel, police officers, and firefighters with service ID or general admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Saturday, November 17, 2012

NOAA Day

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Find out what the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) does for you, our nation, and our world at this annual event. The event will feature TERRI the artificially intelligent robot and interactive booths, where you can learn more about a variety of NOAA programs, the ocean and climate. Learn how NOAA, a government agency, works to understand and predict changes in Earth's environment to conserve and manage coastal and marine resources.

Cost: General Admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Thursday, November 22, 2012

Thanksgiving Lunch

11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Come gobble gobble with the sea otters and the entire Aquarium family! Delight your family with over 11,000 animals from the world's largest ocean, and savor a traditional Thanksgiving buffet in the Aquarium's Café Scuba.

Cost: \$35 per adult (12+) and \$27 per child (member discounts available)

Location: Aquarium of the Pacific, 100 Aquarium Way, Long Beach, CA 90802

Info/Tickets: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

Saturday & Sunday, December 1-2, 2012

Holiday Treats for the Animals

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

In celebration of the holiday season, Santa diver will be delivering an ocean of gifts to the Aquarium of the Pacific's sea otters, seals, sea lions, birds, fish, and other animals. Guests can see Santa diver with sharks and watch the Aquarium's animals receive their special treats and enrichment gifts during the Holiday Treats for the Animals weekend. Families can enjoy holiday music, crafts, special presentations, unique photo opportunities, shopping, and more. The Seal and Sea Lion Habitat will be decked out for the "sea"son with frozen "fishmas" treats. Guests can watch the sea otters savor candy cane-shaped ice treats, gourmet lobster tails, and their very own snowman. Throughout the day Aquarium staff will give special gift delicacies to other marine animals as well.

Cost: General Admission--\$24.95 adult (12+), \$21.95 senior (62+), \$13.95 child (3-11), and free for children under age 3 and Aquarium members.

Info: 562-590-3100 or www.aquariumofpacific.org

The Aquarium of the Pacific will be closed on Tuesday, December 25, 2012 and will resume normal operating hours the following day.

***Please note: prices subject to change. Visit www.aquariumofpacific.org for the latest information.*